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LIZARDS AND SNAKES INVADE TORONTO

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Over 55 different species spotted throughout Toronto

In a press conference yesterday, city officials confirmed the invasion, saying, "The lizards and snakes have indeed invaded Toronto. Make no mistake, they are alive and they've arrived. As far as we know, there appears to be over 55 different species of lizards and snakes from all parts of the world."

When asked how the squamates managed to invade the city, officials stated that they could have possibly arrived by land, air or water. "It's just too early tell at this point. We've never seen anything like this before."

Reports of large lizards and snakes appearing on top of some of the city's landmarks, traffic signs and streetcars began to flow in earlier this week through a flurry of emails, amateur pictures and internet videos.

What is known is that the lizards and snakes have all been moving in the same direction, congregating around the Eglinton Avenue East and Don Mills intersection.

When asked why the lizards and snakes have moved into this part of the city, officials responded, "Well, they're very curious creatures. Perhaps they're moving towards something or someplace to feed or ignite their curiosity."

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Same Sex Marriage

With pride weeks now underway across the country, Metro Canada is taking a look at the state of same-sex marriages. Over the week, we will look at same-sex marriage in Canada, the United States and around the world and introduce you to people who have gotten married, or plan to tie the knot.

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- An update on the status of same-sex marriages in other countries.

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Striking City of Toronto workers picket at a garbage transfer station in Toronto yesterday. Homeowners and the parents of school-age children are among those sweating the days ahead as municipal employees formed picket lines across the city on the first day of what some fear could be a long, stinky, summertime strike. The last time city workers went on strike was in 2002.

Smell of a strike

City pleads for patience as garbage workers form picket lines

Temperatures rose yesterday and so did tempers after municipal employees formed picket lines across Toronto, shutting down daycares and sealing up garbage cans, and leaving union representatives predicting a long, stinky summertime strike.

"I'm not the least bit optimistic at this time," said Mark Ferguson, president of Toronto Civic Employees Union Local 416 CUPE, representing the 24,000 city workers who walked off the job at midnight.

"We've been negotiating for six months now. Unfortunately the city wants more than a pound of flesh."

As city officials wrapped up garbage receptacles in plastic and attached out-of-service signs to the metal bins, employees stood outside city hall picketing.

Ferguson said the union and city were "miles apart" on negotiations. City officials declined to comment yesterday on the talks.

The services affected include garbage pickup, city-run daycares, recreation centres, ferry service and summer camps, but essential services, such as police and firefighters, are still operating.

Along with issues of job security, scheduling and seniority rights, employees want to keep 18 sick days a year, which can be banked and cashed out at retirement.

18 One of the key issues centres on employees wanting to keep 18 sick days a year, which can be banked and cashed out at retirement.

At a news conference yesterday, city manager Joe Pennachetti pleaded with residents to be patient, asking them to store garbage or drive it to assigned drop-off locations. Pedestrians will have to pocket their trash because recycling and garbage bins will be closed.

A zero-tolerance policy is also in effect for those trying to dump illegally.

The last time city workers went on strike was in 2002.

For two weeks, mounds of rotting garbage littered city streets in the midst of a muggy summer.

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'Neda' has become a rally cry for Iranians

VIDEO Her name was Neda and she has become an unlikely symbol of the Iranian protests.

Poems, songs and tributes have flowed on the Internet since the graphic, but unverified, video of her last moments were posted on YouTube after she was allegedly shot in the chest by Iranian militia.

"The name has a meaning and it's playing into this whole story," said Iranian blogger Arash Kamangir who lives in Toronto.

Neda, pronounced NED'-ah in Persian, means a call or a voice, "someone calling for help, for giving hope," he said yesterday.

The 27-year-old student was apparently a peaceful bystander at a weekend protest with her music teacher, when she was shot.

"The name is becoming a symbol."

On Twitter, there were tweets saying, "I am Neda, we are all Neda" and there was a group on Facebook called "Neda — Angel of Iran."

There were also skeptics on the Net, questioning whether her death was faked. Although University of Toronto professor Amir Hassanpour said it doesn't matter if it ultimately proves to be fake because it's motivating people.

"This is a revolutionary situation," said Hassanpour.

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Polson Pier murder suspects arrested
Two men have been charged in connection to a double murder early Sunday morning. Edwin Modeste and Kimron Benjy, both of Toronto, have been charged with second-degree murder in relation to two incidents at Polson Pier. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Soaring deal for labour peace

Air Canada is on the runway to achieving labour peace after reaching a tentative deal with flight attendants to extend their contract by 21 months. The agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees means the cash-strapped airline has reached "cost-neutral" agreements with all of its unionized employees. The contract extensions and moratorium on pension contributions are subject to employee ratification. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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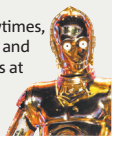

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LCBO strike could leave city dry

Today might be a good day to hit the liquor store.

Unionized LCBO staff across the province say they are poised to walk out at midnight tonight if talks toward a collective agreement fail.

A trend toward more part-time and casual jobs, and a management proposal to have power to issue 90-day lay-off notices in slow periods to any employee remain the two main bones of contention, union leaders said yesterday.

"This is about workers being poorly treated — part-time and casual workers," union vice-president and treasurer Patty Rout told reporters on the sidewalk opposite the Liquor Control Board of Ontario head office near Yonge Street.

"Twenty years ago all the jobs were full-time," she said. "Now 60 per cent are part-time or casual, people making $10 to $17 an hour, making less than $20,000 a year.

TONY BOCK/TORSTAR

LCBO staff at the warehouse watch as store workers hold a press conference on Freeland Street to announce their strike trailer is ready to go. They are threatening to strike midnight Wednesday.

Early in negotiations, LCBO managers had asked for the freedom to lay off an employee for 90 days and call the person back again, said Ontario Public Service Employees Union representative Craig Hadley.

"So even full-time jobs are not secure," he said.

Liquor sales peak in November and December and drop off substantially in the first three months of the year, making a mix of full-time and part-time jobs necessary, said LCBO spokesperson Chris Layton.

"We are not eliminating full-time positions," he said.

About 500 full-time positions were filled last year, mostly through promotion of part-time and casual staff, he said. Another 500 full-time jobs are expected to be filled in the next four years as existing staff members retire.

A news blackout on the talks prevented parties from saying how close they are to an agreement.

The union membership delivered a 93 per cent strike vote last month.

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So then what?

With workers at the LCBO poised to strike, there's already panic buying going on. What are your alternatives if a strike really happens?

- This could be a big boost for our local wines. Most Ontario wineries have websites and consumers can direct order favourite wines online for delivery to their doorstep.
- As well, online middlemen, such as winery-to-home.com, offer Ontario wines in a wide range of packages.
- Ontario's largest wineries have chains of wine shops. The Wine Rack has 160 locations across Ontario. Vineyard Estate Wines Stores sell wines at 99 locations across Ontario.
- As for foreign wines and spirits, you may be out of luck.

Bathtub killer gets house arrest

A 23-year-old Mississauga woman, convicted of drowning her mother in a bathtub, is getting her release from prison just three years into her 10-year murder sentence.

Justice Bruce Duncan yesterday granted her bid to serve the remainder of her youth sentence in a Barrie halfway house.

The woman, convicted of first-degree murder in the infamous case dubbed the "Bathtub Girls" slaying, will be released July 7 from the Grand Valley Institution for Women and driven directly to Barrie, where she will be under house arrest.

She has been accepted in the science and engineering programs with scholarships at the University of Waterloo and will initially take courses online using a halfway house computer.

To keep the "gifted and intelligent woman with superior intelligence" in prison would be "little more than warehousing (her)."
Justice Bruce Duncan

"Her freedom will be greater, but that is a privilege that has been earned and should be promoted," said Duncan, who presided over the sensational trial in Brampton in 2005 and their sentencing in June 2006 as youths.

The woman and her younger sister, now 22, drowned their 43-year-old alcoholic mother in their townhouse bathtub in January 2003.

They were just 16 and 15. Their identities remain forever protected by Canada's youth laws.

Duncan said to keep the "gifted and intelligent woman with superior intelligence" in prison any longer would be "little more than warehousing (her)," something he viewed as "unacceptable."

It's "important" for society to understand she will not be "let out," Duncan said. She will be under a different form of custody.

"I don't think it can now be said that it's too much too soon," said Duncan, who denied her first bid for early release.

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Company kudos for Hydro One

AWARD Hydro One has been ranked Canada's best corporate citizen in 2009, according to Corporate Knights magazine.

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The eighth annual "Best 50 Corporate Citizens in Canada" ranking said Toronto-based Hydro One topped the list for its strong pension plan, number of female executives and the implementation of its smart meter program across Ontario.

Petro-Canada ranked second, followed by Canadian National Railway Company, Vancouver City Savings C.U. and Hydro-Quebec.

Seventeen companies from Ontario made this year's top 50 list. The list also included two U.S. companies that trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

"The Best 50 Corporate Citizens are essential champions in our country's march toward sustainable prosperity," stated Corporate Knights editor Toby Heaps. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

SUSPECT A Whitby man is the first person in Durham to be charged with harming a dog working with a peace officer, under Ontario's new Provincial Animal Welfare Act. Magnum, a German Shepherd, was tracking down a man in Oshawa Friday. Upon being discovered, the man threw a piece of plywood that struck the dog's rib cage. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Flu virus claims first child

Recent Ontario death believed to be youngest in Canada

A six-year-old girl from the Toronto area and two Quebecers have increased to 16 the number of Canadians to die after contracting influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu.

Health officials were unsure yesterday what role the H1N1 virus played in the Ontario girl's death.

Dr. Arlene King

Authorities did not release the name of the girl, who is believed to be the youngest person in Canada with the virus to have died.

Public health officials in Ontario said the girl showed the usual symptoms of a flu — coughing and fever — June 14, and died the next day without having been admitted to hospital.

The coroner's office is still investigating the cause of the six-year-old's death, said Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's chief medical officer of health.

Flu Outbreak

Laboratory tests last Friday confirmed the young girl did have the H1N1 virus, but she was not showing any symptoms the last day she had gone to school, King said.

"We do not recommend that any schools be closed if there is a suspected or confirmed case (of swine flu)," she said.

"I encourage parents to continue to send their kids to school unless they're feeling ill."

Health Minister David Caplan offered his condolences to the girl's family, friends and classmates, and said the province would continue its efforts to stay on top of the flu pandemic. THE CANADIAN PRESS

School's out **Get out and play**

ADRIEN VECZAN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cameron Scott catches the frisbee between opponents Andrew Toth, left, and Dalia Serafini, middle, in a friendly game at the Lanbton Kingsway Park in Etobicoke yesterday. They are students who just finished school at Etobicoke Collegiate.

Team home after U.S. highway crash

ACCIDENT A semi-professional football team based in London, Ont., are back home after an ordeal on an Indiana highway.

A Greyhound bus carrying members of the London Silverbacks was struck head on by an SUV on Interstate 69 south of Michigan.

Fourteen people were sent to hospital, including team owner Al Lazar.

The Silverbacks are affiliated with the Toronto Argonauts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TSE target in terror plot, court hears

A foiled terror plot targeting Toronto sought to destabilize the economy by attacking targets including the Toronto Stock Exchange with three truck bombs set off over several days — possibly starting Sept. 11, a court heard yesterday.

The Superior Court of Justice heard in an agreed statement of facts one of the alleged co-conspirators wanted the 2006 plot to "screw" Prime Minister Stephen Harper, the government and the military, hoped the attacks would be bigger than the London subway bombings, and believed they would make Canada rethink its involvement in Afghanistan.

He also said he wanted to "detonate the bombs on three consecutive days, rather than simultaneously, because he feels it would have a greater impact on Canada and result in Canadians not leaving their homes due to fear," according to the statement of facts read by Crown lawyer Croft Michaelson.

The account in the agreed statement of facts was read into a court record during a sentencing hearing for Saad Khalid, 22, the first of the so-called Toronto 18 to enter a guilty plea. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Other targets

- CSIS headquarters in Toronto
- An unspecified military base off Highway 401 between Ottawa and Toronto

News in brief

FLU A new report on corporate risk and pandemic preparedness touts the benefits associated with having business plans in place for a global outbreak of flu. The report by Amin Mawani of the Schulich School of Business at Toronto's York University says companies that are capable of preventing absenteeism if the current flu pandemic leads to more serious illness in Canada this fall will be well-positioned to take customers and market share from those that can't. They may enjoy higher stock prices because financial markets tend to reward firms that report steady profit and cash flows, said the report. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Man stabbed at club

A popular upscale nightclub in the city's west-end turned chaotic yesterday morning after police responded to reports of gunfire and found a man stabbed in the hand at the Century Room on King Street West near Spadina Avenue. No arrests have been made so far. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Pride plans not affected by strike

GARBAGE STRIKE Toronto's Pride committee are confident that a citywide garbage strike will not turn the world-renowned festival into a mess.

"At this point in time, everything that is planned is going ahead," said Tracey Sandilands, executive director for Gay Pride. "We don't expect anything to be affected."

Traditionally, Pride takes care of the trash generated during the weeklong festivities and city workers clean up at the end.

Last week, Sandilands said if city workers were not available Pride was prepared to pay up to $20,000, to clean up the trash.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Transformers **Take that, Megan Fox**

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Ryan Hibma takes a photo of girlfriend Caroline Morrish of London, Ont., in front of Bumblebee, a yellow 2010 Chevrolet Camaro featured in the film Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen. The car was at Yonge-Dundas Square yesterday. The film opens in theatres tomorrow.

Low morale big problem, survey finds

Low morale is the largest problem facing many Canadian workplaces today as a result of layoffs and an uncertain future in the current economic slump, a new survey shows.

Toronto-based employment law firm Rubin Thomlinson LLP said 70 per cent of Canadian workplaces report morale issues as the biggest challenge to overcome in the current economic environment.

Of the 219 companies surveyed earlier this month, 56 per cent said they laid off staff in the past 12 months. Of those companies that cut workers, 80 per cent said the layoffs included up to 10 per cent of their staff.

Many organizations are slashing budgets; 13.5 per cent cut salaries and 26.4 per cent cut bonuses, the survey shows.

About 17 per cent reported status quo at their operations.

"The story behind the numbers is a human story," stated Janice Rubin of Rubin Thomlinson.

"The recession has taken its toll as companies portray their organizations as being distressed."

Employers say their workers are suffering from low morale and feeling uncertain about their jobs and their future, Rubin said.

"The recession has taken its toll as companies portray their organizations as being distressed."
Janice Rubin

"Workloads are also increasing in the face of staff reductions, which has added to workplace stress," she said in releasing the survey results yesterday.

"If the recession continues and uncertainty in the workplace remains, we will likely see employee burn out, an increased number of stress leaves, workplace harassment issues and more mistakes being made."

Rubin said better and more frequent communications is critical at this stage to try to keep employees upbeat.

About 43 per cent of companies surveyed said they did not anticipate further staff cuts in the last half of 2009 and into 2010.

About 18 per cent said there would be fewer layoffs compared to earlier this year.

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Parents of girl who died offer to drop suit against Sick Kids

COURT The parents of a baby girl who died at the Hospital for Sick Children four years ago have extended an olive branch to the hospital, offering to drop their unprecedented small claims court case if administrators can convince them that procedures there have improved.

"We want to know this won't ever happen again," Barbara Farlow said yesterday outside court, where the case was adjourned for two weeks.

During that period, Farlow and her husband, Tim, plan to arrange a meeting with Sick Kids officials to discuss current procedures.

"It's in their hands now," Barbara Farlow said as she left the court.

No date or time has been set for the Farlows to meet with officials from the hospital. If no meeting takes place, they will be back in court in two weeks to decide whether to proceed with their suit.

A call to Sick Kids yesterday to ask if such a meeting could take place was not returned.

The couple has had a sometimes acrimonious relationship with the hospital since 2005, when their 80-day-old daughter, Annie, born with a rare genetic disorder called trisomy 13, died there after going into respiratory distress.

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Medical records

- The Mississauga couple have said that a do-not-resuscitate order was put in Annie's file without their consent. They filed the small claims case to force the full disclosure of her medical records.

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Bombing case not solved: RCMP
The RCMP say despite collecting 1,400 exhibits and interviewing more than 450 people, they still haven't solved the bombings of natural gas lines in northern B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Watchdog Marleau moves on early

Information commissioner Robert Marleau is retiring after serving less than half the usual seven-year term. But Marleau, who has criticized the government for being too secretive, denied yesterday he was quitting as ombudsman for Canada's freedom-of-information law out of frustration. He also dismissed any suggestion he was pushed out, saying he's simply ready to leave. "I've got a six-year-old grandson who can handle a fishing rod now, so I think it's time to move on," said Marleau, 61. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Native leaders laud cleanup agreement

ENVIRONMENT Aboriginal leaders welcomed an agreement announced yesterday between the federal and Ontario governments to clean up 16 abandoned Cold War radar sites in northern Ontario at an estimated cost of more than $100 million.

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The province will provide $73 million to clean up toxic materials at all 16 radar sites along the coasts of James Bay and Hudson Bay, while Ottawa will contribute up to $30 million to help clean up 11 of the most highly contaminated stations.

The radar stations, part of the old Mid-Canada warning line, are contaminated with PCBs, hydrocarbons, mercury and asbestos, and must be cleaned up to restore the ecological balance in the area, said Natural Resources Minister Donna Cansfield.

"There's such an extraordinary sadness when you see what's been left on the land, the oil drums that are deteriorating, equipment behind the large radar sites," Cansfield said.

"I can't think of another word other than extraordinary sadness when you see what was left and how it's been allowed to deteriorate." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rookie MPs share ideas

Liberal, Conservative, NDP newbies say Parliament needs to change

Disturbing. Disappointing. Harmful. Infuriating.

These are just some of the adjectives used by rookie MPs to describe their first impressions of Canada's Parliament.

As they begin their summer break, Liberal Justin Trudeau, Conservative Shelly Glover and New Democrat Megan Leslie offer a remarkably similar assessment of the place.

In interviews, all three cited frustration with an environment they described as unnecessarily nasty and counter-productive.

Their first session immediately began with a partisan-fuelled crisis last fall: the government sought to cut off opposition parties' funding, and the opposition responded by forming a coalition to take power.

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Rookie MPs, including Justin Trudeau, left, share ideas for making Parliament more productive.

Trudeau describes last week's events as a warning. While political Ottawa was gripped by a high-stakes confidence showdown between Stephen Harper and Michael Ignatieff, the rest of the country was rolling its eyes in indifference.

Trudeau says that if people won't even pay attention anymore to the potential collapse of the government, it's a pretty clear sign they're swearing off politics completely. "The more we ... try to shout louder than everyone so someone will notice, the more people will turn down the volume and tune us out completely ... so let's speak softer." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rehearsed ritual

- A particularly low light they all cited was the daily question period — a 45-minute ritual where opposition MPs read scripted questions, government members reply with rehearsed insults, and the rest of the chamber drowns them out with catcalls and heckles.

New Navy boss to push for more warships

MILITARY The new commander of Canada's navy says he'll try to persuade the federal government to build new warships every couple of years. Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden took over as chief of maritime staff yesterday.

A former fleet commander on the East Coast, McFadden arrives as the navy struggles to replace its 1960s-vintage supply ships as well as construct six new light icebreakers for Arctic missions.

The backbone of the fleet — 12 patrol frigates — are entering a multibillion-dollar midlife extension program and the country's aging command-and-control destroyers are almost at the end of their life. McFadden says naval planners are putting together a program to build replacement warships based upon a single hull design, saying the country needs to get away from the "boom and bust" ship construction cycle.

Building ships in batches mean they all wear out at the same time. Defence Minister Peter MacKay earlier this year said he'd like to see a continuous shipbuilding program, but the problem has been convincing parts of government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

TASER INQUIRY The final report on the first phase of a public inquiry into Taser use in B.C. has been handed to the provincial government, but it may be some time before the public sees the contents.

CHARGED Greater Sudbury police have released the name of a 26-year-old man charged in a crash that killed three teens walking along a northern Ontario road. Nicolas Piovesan of Val Therese, Ont., will be kept in custody until tomorrow.

MONEY The head of British Columbia's securities commission has been tapped to lead a federal transition team charged with setting up a national regulator for the country's stock markets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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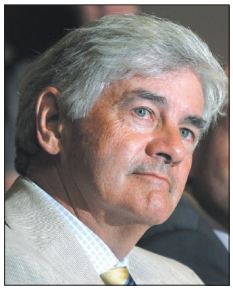
Vast majority think adult literacy a problem
An ABC CANADA Literacy Foundation and Ipsos Reid study says 72 per cent of working Canadians believe the current level of adult literacy is a problem. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada blasts Iran for arresting journalist

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon is calling in the top Iranian diplomat in Canada over the arrest of a Canadian journalist in Tehran.

"Minister Cannon is calling in the Iranian chargé d'affaires to express our grave concern about the arrest of a Canadian journalist and about the general situation," said Andre Lemay.

He said Canadian consular officials in Tehran are sending a diplomatic note to Iranian authorities to demand immediate access to Maziar Bahari, an Iranian-Canadian who was detained Sunday while working for Newsweek magazine.


Lawrence Cannon

The chargé is the highest-ranking Iranian diplomat in Ottawa. Neither country has had an ambassador in the other's capital for a about a year in a diplomatic skirmish over acceptable candidates. The chargé runs the embassy in the absence of an ambassador.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper also criticized Iranian authorities in a statement yesterday.

"The reaction of the Iranian authorities to the demonstrations in Iran is wholly unacceptable," he said.

"The regime has chosen to use brute force and intimidation in responding to peaceful opposition regarding legitimate and serious allegations of electoral fraud."

Harper called on Iran to release political prisoners and journalists who have been unjustly detained and allow free reporting on events there.

Online profiles of Bahari say he was born in Iran in 1967 and studied in Montreal, where he earned a degree in communications from Concordia University.

Newsweek says he is a Canadian citizen who has been living in and covering Iran for the last decade.

Bahari is one of at least two dozen journalists and bloggers arrested in Iran since protests began there a week ago over the recent presidential election.

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First quarter sees a $72B dip in household worth

ECONOMY Household net worth declined by $72 billion, or 1.3 per cent, in the first quarter as falling real-estate values and stock market woes continued to erode assets.

Statistics Canada said, however, that the rate of decline has slowed from the last two quarters of 2008, in which cumulative losses totalled $438 billion.

438 Statistics Canada reports that Canada's household net worth declined $438 billion in the last two quarters of 2008.

The drop in Canada in the first quarter this year was only half the decline recorded in the United States.

National net worth — the sum of non-financial assets plus net foreign assets — declined for the first time since 1995, slipping 0.4 per cent, or an average of $1,200 for every Canadian.

A slowing growth of national saving and business investment contributed to this decline. On a per-capita basis, national net worth fell to $178,900 in the first quarter from $180,000 in the fourth quarter of 2008.

As a percentage of personal disposable income, household net worth has fallen faster in the United States than in Canada since the third quarter of 2007.

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Ex-PM Clark says tighter rules won't stop corruption

INQUIRY More and tighter conflict-of-interest rules wouldn't necessarily ensure more ethical government, says former prime minister and two-time Conservative leader Joe Clark.

On the contrary, Clark told a public inquiry into the Mulroney-Schreiber affair yesterday, there's a danger that more prohibitions and penalties would just feed public cynicism about politicians and discourage good people from entering public life.

"We are turning government into gotcha," said Clark.

The inquiry, headed by Justice Jeffrey Oliphant, has been examining the financial dealings between former Tory prime minister Brian Mulroney and businessman Karlheinz Schreiber, who hired Mulroney to promote the sale of German-designed armoured military vehicles after he left office in 1993.

"We are turning government into gotcha."
Joe Clark

Mulroney has admitted taking $225,000 in cash from Schreiber but says he broke no laws or ethical guidelines. He says he merely tried to line up support from political leaders in Russia, China and France for a proposed UN purchase of the vehicles for peacekeeping work.

Schreiber says the payments totalled $300,000, not the $225,000 Mulroney later declared for tax purposes. He also maintains the former prime minister was supposed to lobby not foreign leaders but Canadian officials.

The affair has raised questions about whether current ethics rules — especially those governing politicians once they leave office — should be strengthened to head off similar controversies in future.

Lawyers for Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government have insisted the present rules, enshrined in the 2006 Federal Accountability Act, are good enough.

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Former prime minister Joe Clark answers a question as he takes part in an expert panel at the Oliphant Commission in Ottawa, yesterday. The commission is examining the business dealings between former prime minister Brian Mulroney and German-Canadian businessman Karlheinz Schreiber.

News in brief

HEART HEALTH Deaths from cardiovascular disease have dropped by almost a third in Canada, but for the first time slightly more women than men are dying from the country's Number 1 killer, statistics show. A study led by researchers at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences found that deaths from heart disease fell by a dramatic 30 per cent between 1994 and 2004.

HIV HOME TESTS Health Canada is advising consumers not to use the Clean Testing HIV Home Test Kit, or any HIV home test kits, as they are unlicensed medical devices and may provide false results. The Clean Testing HIV Home Test Kit, available online, is advertised as a self-test kit to determine whether an individual has been infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Health Canada has asked Clean Testing to stop selling the device and notify customers not to use the kit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man dies on Air France plane, forcing emergency stop in Newfoundland
An Air France jet had to make an emergency stop in St. John's, N.L., overnight after a passenger died onboard. The plane was on its way to Paris from Montreal when a 41-year-old man became sick and died. Police have not released the man's identity. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Celebrating marriage across Canada

Same Sex Marriage

As part of its same-sex marriage series, Metro Canada is introducing you to some lesbian and gay couples planning to tie the knot. Here are their stories:

EDMONTON Kristie Eklund, 33, and Elena Chalmers, 44, met in 2007 when they joined the Oil City Derby Girls roller derby team. The pair dropped to their knees and embraced in front of their sobbing teammates in December, when Chalmers offered Eklund an engagement ring. The pair will be married on Saturday.

"We're giddy with excitement, starting our new life," said Chalmers. "I'm marrying my best friend — how much better could it get?"

HALIFAX At a wedding this Saturday in Hammonds Plains, N.S., a jockstrap will be tossed instead of a bouquet. Despite the less traditional aspects of their wedding, Patrick Daigle, 30, and Shawn Wood, 27, have one of the most fundamental building block of marriage — love.

WENDY D PHOTOGRAPHY

Leigh Cousins, right, says she is "thrilled" to live in Canada, where it is possible to marry her partner of 11 years, Mandy Randhawa.

"My only regret is I wish I had done it a little earlier," said Daigle, who has been with Wood for five years. The couple won a radio station's wedding contest to marry at a local farm.

VANCOUVER Leigh Cousins, who proposed to Mandy Randhawa in October after 11 years of dating, says their marriage is not only a personal affair but a social and political statement to show their hopes and dreams are no different than other couple's.

"There's something very important and sacred about being public about it," said Randhawa. "For me it's a celebration of my love and my choices and my life as an individual."

OTTAWA Ariel Troster, 30, and her fiancée, Caitlyn Pascal, 29, are reflecting on human rights, and how a law allowing same-sex couples to marry made it possible for them to wed.

"We're very aware of the fact that a lot of activists before us fought really hard so same-sex couples had a chance to marry," said Troster, who will marry Pascal next summer. "We're very aware of the context of our engagement within the political struggles."

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News in brief

FRIES A naked man stole a woman's fries at a Langley, B.C. Wendy's. A restaurant attendant was passing the woman her order of fries when "an entirely naked male" ran between the car and the drive-thru window and stole the fries, RCMP Cpl. Holly Marks said. "He jumped into a silver van, which sped off," Marks said. The thief is described as a male in his 20s.

CRIME Charges of second-degree murder have been laid against a man after two teenaged boys were found dead in a townhouse in Surrey, B.C. Cpl. Dale Carr of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team says Mahendra Singh Johal is also charged with attempted murder in the wounding of a woman at the same home. The 16- and 18-year-old boys, believed to be brothers, were found dead in the condominium Sunday after reports of shots being fired.

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Watchdog worried about reactors

ENERGY Canada's nuclear-safety watchdog is worried tubes carrying radioactive water in nuclear power plants could rupture and shut down reactors.

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission plans to simulate breaches inside giant boilers to better understand what would happen if the pipes burst.

The boilers — called steam generators — play a crucial role in electricity production at nuclear-power plants.

The generators use heat from the nuclear reactor core to convert water into steam. The steam is then fed into a turbine to generate electricity.

In that way, nuclear power plants aren't all that different from coal-fired stations, said Steve Aplin, an energy policy consultant with Ottawa-based HDP Group.

"You have to shut down the reactor, find out where the leak is, and then go and plug each of the tube ends — one at the top, one at the bottom."
John Dyke, retired engineer

"They all do the same thing. They boil water, make steam and drive the turbine," he said.

Steam generators in Candu reactors are shaped like light bulbs filled with thousands of tubes. Pressurized heavy-water flows through the tubes to cool the reactor.

The tubes are held in place by supports to keep them from vibrating. But the tubes can rub against the supports and wear away over time.

"Such wear reduces the tube wall thickness and, therefore, the tube's margin of safety against failure," says a safety commission tender issued Monday.

"Since steam generator tubes represent the interface between the primary side coolant and secondary side fluid, it is clearly essential that such failures be avoided."

In other words, a tube rupture would spill radioactive water into the non-radioactive water inside the steam generator.

If that happens, "the water in the (steam generator) will very suddenly flash to vapour causing a substantial increase in the pressure drop," the tender says.

The reactor would then need to be shut down so technicians could find the leak in a towering tangle of tubes weighing hundreds of tonnes.

John Dyke, a retired engineer with Babcock and Wilcox Canada Ltd., helped design the steam generators at the Pickering A nuclear station near Toronto and says it's a complex repair job.

"You have to shut down the reactor, find out where the leak is, and then go and plug each of the tube ends — one at the top, one at the bottom," Dyke said.

The study will help the safety commission respond if pipes burst inside steam generators at Candu facilities.

No one from the safety commission was immediately available to comment.

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MARIA CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS/NORTH BAY NUGGET

A Harvey's restaurant in North Bay served contaminated onions that caused food poisoning an investigation has concluded.

Food poisoning cause found

Hundreds of residents in northern Ontario likely suffered painful food poisoning last fall as a result of contaminated onions, an investigation has concluded.

Officials with the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit pinpointed the popular hamburger topping as the most probable source of an extensive E. Coli outbreak linked to a Harvey's fast-food restaurant.

That key detail and other findings were released yesterday in an investigative report into the October health scare that sickened upwards of 235 people.

"Our analysis indicates the source of the outbreak at Harvey's was likely contaminated raw Spanish onions," said Dr. Jim Chirico, acting medical officer of health.

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First from the Rose Garden

U.S. President Barack Obama has scheduled his first White House Rose Garden news conference. The administration said he would take questions from reporters today. Obama has previously taken formal questions from reporters in the East Room. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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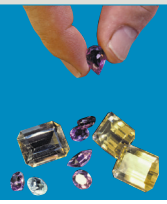

Arrests made in jewel heist

French police have arrested 25 suspects in a $118 million US heist of jewels last year on one of Paris' most fashionable streets, and have recovered some of the loot. Thieves, some of them dressed as women, had swiped rings, necklaces and luxury watches at the Harry Winston store on the Champs-Elysees. The Dec. 5 heist was one of France's biggest ever jewelry robberies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boston carrier **Kitty's in the mail**

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New Hampshire postal worker George Knapp shows off a kitten that he adopted yesterday in Boston. The two-pound kitten, who Knapp is naming PD for Postage Due, was abandoned in a public mailbox earlier this month.

Crackdown in Iran

Demonstrators defy threats from regime

Riot police cracked down anew on demonstrators in Iran's capital yesterday hours after the feared Revolutionary Guard threatened to crush any further post-election protests.

Security forces used tear gas and fired live bullets in the air to break up a group of about 200 protesters paying tribute to a young woman whose apparent shooting death was captured on video and circulated around the world.

The show of force came as Iran's highest electoral authority, the Guardian Council, acknowledged some irregularities in 50 districts — including more votes being cast than registered voters. But the council insisted the result of the June 12 presidential election was not affected.

An unlikely scenario?

- An analysis of Iran's official election results released by the Chatham House think-tank in London revealed anomalies that it said cast doubt on Ahmadinejad's victory.
- Compared with the 2005 election, the outcome in a third of Iran's provinces would require that Ahmadinejad received support from all former centrist voters, all new voters and almost half of all former reformist voters. Chatham House called that an unlikely scenario.

Iran says at least 17 protesters have died in a week of unrest. The Basij, a plainclothes militia under the Guard's command, has been blamed for some of the protesters' deaths.

Despite warnings, some 200 people heeded a call on Persian-language blogs and Twitter feeds to rally yesterday at Tehran's Haft-e-tir Square in memory of Neda Soltani, the young woman shown on video as she apparently bled to death. Security forces ordered people to keep walking and prevented even small groups from gathering — at one point taking the extraordinary step of separating couples who emerged from a subway station, witnesses said.

457 Number of arrests Saturday alone, according to Iranian police.

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Deadly subway crash in D.C.

WASHINGTON A rush-hour subway train plowed into the back of a stalled train in its path yesterday in the northern reaches of the U.S. capital, killing at least six people and injuring 70. The female operator of the trailing train was among the six killed. The train in front of her was stopped on the tracks on one of the city's heavily travelled subway routes, apparently awaiting instructions to proceed. Rescue crews used heavy equipment to cut into the wreckage, with the first car of one six-car train wedged underneath the other after rear-ending it at high speed. "It happened so fast, I flew out of the seat and hit my head," said passenger Jodie Wickett. "Lots of people were upset and crying." In addition to the six dead, two more had life-threatening injuries.

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Suicide bomber wounds Russian provincial president

A suicide bomber badly wounded Yunus Bek Yevkurov, left, a provincial president, in Russia's North Caucasus yesterday, an assassination attempt that undermined the Kremlin's claim that it has brought stability to the predominantly Muslim region. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Attacks kill more than 30 Iraqis

VIOLENCE Bombings and shootings killed more than 30 people across Iraq yesterday, including high school students on their way to final exams, part of a new round of violence ahead of next week's deadline for U.S. troops to withdraw from urban areas.

The attacks pushed the three-day Iraqi death toll over 100, shattering a recent lull and adding doubt to the ability of government forces to protect people without U.S. help. American combat troops have already begun moving from inner-city outposts to large bases outside Baghdad and other cities.

100 The three-day Iraqi death toll from a recent string of bombings and shootings.

Overall levels of violence remain low, but Iraqi officials have warned that militants will likely carry out more attacks to erode public confidence in the government as the Americans pull out of cities by June 30. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

FILM The Eastman Kodak Co. announced yesterday it's retiring its most senior film, Kodachrome, because of declining customer demand in an increasingly digital age.

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Burqas not welcome

Sarkozy says gowns a prison for women

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said the Muslim burqa would not be welcome in France, calling the full-body religious gown a sign of the "debasement" of women.

In the first presidential address to parliament in 136 years, Sarkozy faced critics who fear the burqa issue could stigmatize France's Muslims and said he supported banning the garment from being worn in public.

"In our country, we cannot accept that women be prisoners behind a screen, cut off from all social life, deprived of all identity," Sarkozy said to extended applause at the Chateau of Versailles.

"The burqa is not a religious sign, it's a sign of subservience, a sign of debasement," he said.

"It will not be welcome on the territory of the French Republic."

Dozens of legislators have called for creating a commission to study a possible ban in France, where there is a small but growing trend of wearing the full-body garment despite a 2004 law forbidding it from being worn in public schools.

The terms "burqa" and "niqab" often are used interchangeably in France. The former refers to a full-body covering worn largely in Afghanistan with only a mesh screen over the eyes, whereas the latter is a full-body veil with slits for the eyes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A woman in the niqab — often called a burqa in France — a veil worn by conservative Muslims that exposes only a woman's eyes.

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U.S. speeds up immigration checks
The FBI is clearing a year-long identity check backlog for people seeking to live in the U.S. The new delay: 30 days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Palestinians' target

State institutions ready in two years, PM says

Institutions for an independent Palestinian state should be up and running within two years, says Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad.

It's the first time he has set such a target date.

The plans include training the Palestinian security forces and modernizing government ministries.

Well-run government institutions will make a strong case for ending Israeli occupation, said Fayyad.

"It is possible to build the institutions of the state in two years, and this will put before the entire world the political requirement of ending the occupation," he said.

However, Fayyad also pointed to one of the main obstacles to statehood — the internal Palestinian division.

Salam Fayyad

Since the Islamic militant Hamas overran Gaza two years ago, Western-backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and the Fayyad government have controlled only the West Bank.

"Ending the occupation and building the state requires ending the split," Fayyad said.

Little state-building was accomplished in the first decade after the Palestinian Authority was established in the mid-1990s, at a time when the late Yasser Arafat, known for his chaotic style of governing, was at the helm.

Yesterday, a group that advocates for Arab human rights said Israel has been illegally selling houses belonging to Palestinian refugees.

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Baby girl wounded as gang attacks temple

ATTACK Suspected Muslim insurgents opened fire on a Buddhist temple in Thailand yesterday, wounding eight people.

A one-year-old girl was among the wounded.

Lieutenant Colonel Piyawat Chalermsri said at least four attackers shot into the compound of the temple in Narathiwat province as an aerobics class was taking place.

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All hail the Sun King PM

NationalReport

Information commissioner Robert Marleau resigned yesterday, saying the reasons were personal and private.

We'll take him at his word. He wasn't pushed out. He wasn't overly frustrated at being information commissioner under one of the most secretive and domineering governments the country has ever known.

Quite coincidentally, on the day he resigned the news arrived that the government regards the cost of the Afghan war a state secret and will not be revealing it. The Defence Department cited national security in refusing a request by the New Democratic Party on the costs of the war.

Imagine that. What other country, excepting authoritarian states, refuses to reveal the cost of military missions? We recall last fall when the Harper government vehemently opposed Budget Officer Kevin Page's decision to reveal the cost of the war. The Harper government has been at war, so to speak, with Mr. Page over this and other actions of his in which he has demonstrated a strain of independence. His deficit forecasting, for example, has angered the government because it has been at odds with Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's prophesies. His forecasting has been more accurate than Mr. Flaherty's, but that doesn't count. Mr. Page is not on the same page. He is therefore an outcast.

The resignation of Mr. Marleau comes also the day after a report appeared in The Toronto Star in which he was quoted as saying Ottawa has been failing for years to live up to promises of openness. "Static decline," he called it.

In his periodic reports to parliament, Mr. Marleau had criticized the Harper team for blocking access to information. A prime violator, he said, was the Privy Council Office which works in tandem with the prime minister.

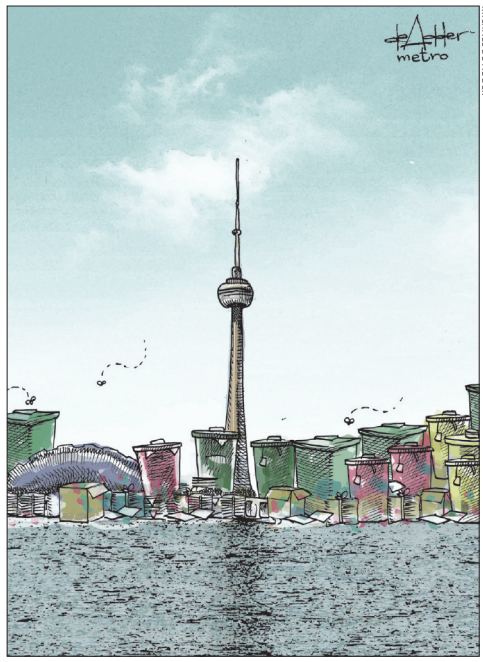
The pattern of the prime minister and his operatives, repeatedly criticized as being control freaks, has become increasingly apparent. In this so called democracy, any dissent, any independent challenge to its authority, will not be tolerated. Before the Conservatives came to power, the Liberals had established quite a reputation for secrecy and overcentralization of power. The Harperites promised a new era of openness and brought in their Accountability Act. It sounded good on paper. In practice it has been largely forgotten.

Stephen Harper

We keep thinking Mr. Harper might change. Last week he showed some capacity for openness and power-sharing capacity when he sat down with Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff to work out some differences.

Some democratic spirit was breathed into the system. But as other developments indicate, change isn't happening. Our PM has been jokingly referred to as the Sun King. The problem is that it's not always a joke.

Lawrence Martin is a journalist and author of 10 books who writes about national affairs from Ottawa.



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Worth mentioning

Twitter, blog comments toss Tory in hot water

The NDP opposition in Alberta is slamming a Tory backbencher for what it calls "sexist" remarks posted on his blog.

Rachel Notley, an NDP legislative member, said yesterday that rookie Edmonton-member Doug Elniski should apologize for postings on his blog and on Twitter on June 13.

Doug Elniski

The blog posting was framed as a bit of advice for girls that suggested "men are attracted to smiles, so smile and don't give me any of that equal stuff. If you want equal, it comes in little packages at Starbucks."

The blog also said there's "nothing that a man wants less than a woman scowling because he thinks he is going to get shit for something and he has no idea what."

The NDP said that later that same day on Elniski's public Twitter account, the tweeter wrote that girls at a bikini car wash "look cold."

Notley said the comments suggest a lack of respect for women and a failure to understand women's struggle for equality.

Elniski had already offered an apology over the weekend on a separate matter.

The Edmonton Sun reported that members of the city's gay community were miffed over other comments made on his Twitter account during a pride parade

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Views

The long and short of same-sex marriage

Bert Archer
Guest Columnist

Have you ever wondered how many women married each other last year in Toronto? It was a big political issue for years here, and remains an enormous one in that lamentable nation to our south. And yet, it's not a number that's bandied about much. I think I know why.

The answer is 616. That's down 28 per cent from 2004, the first full year in which same-sex marriage was legal. The total number of marriages was down 5 per cent over the same period. For men, the number was 868, down the same 28 per cent since 2004. According to the 2006 census, there were 7,465 married same-sex couples in Canada. Chances are, there are still fewer than 10,000 of them, compared with more than six million of the opposite-sex variety. We changed a lot of laws to let these people marry each other, and upset a lot of people in the process — all for what's turned out to be something like 0.06 per cent of the population.

Was it all worth it?

The short answer is no. The government's only calculable interest in its constituents marrying is the production of more citizens, more taxpayers and while same-sex coupling doesn't do any harm to that formula, it doesn't help it either. So the state should have stayed where it was, with a hand in the couplings it has an interest in, staying clear of those it doesn't.

The long answer, however, is yes. Not everything a government does can be expressed on a spreadsheet, a mistake many of us make when we moan about unbusinesslike practices. What the government did when it changed all those laws was create a different Canada. It had been a long time since we led the world. Medicare was great, and we were once Pearson's peacekeepers. But other than Céline Dion and the BlackBerry, what had we done for the world lately? Six years ago this month, we became only the third nation in the world to let same-sex couples marry. From that point on, the rest of the world has been playing catch-up. I'd stopped going to Pride, to be honest. The whole idea seemed stuck in another decade.

But six years ago, the weekend after Pride took on a whole new meaning. I'm not going down to Church Street on Sunday, but you can be sure my fiancé and I will be two of the proudest pups on Parliament Hill this Canada Day.

Bert Archer is a Toronto writer, journalist and author whose notion that living in New York or Paris might be cooler evaporated six years ago this month.

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16-HAMILTON QEW GO BUS
There will be minor adjustments to the weekday schedule to better reflect typical travel times.

21-MILTON GO TRAIN & BUS
A new weekday eastbound train will depart Milton GO Station at 8:08 a.m., serve all stops, and arrive at Union Station at 9:04.

With this new train, bus trips arriving at Union Station between 9:20 and 9:40 a.m. will be discontinued including some eastbound trips stopping in Milton at Main & Martin, on Derry Rd., and at the Square One GO Bus Terminal.

A new weekday westbound train will depart Union at 5:40 p.m., serve all stops, and arrive in Milton at 6:38.

The weekday eastbound train that departs Milton at 7:58 a.m. will now depart at 7:53, and times will be five minutes earlier at all stops along the route including arrival at Union.

The weekday westbound train that departs Union at 5:30 p.m. will now depart at 5:25, and times will be five minutes earlier at all stops along the route including arrival in Milton.

32-BRAMPTON TRINITY COMMON GO BUS
There will be minor adjustments to the weekday westbound schedule for most trips to better reflect typical travel times.

46-HWY. 407 WEST GO BUS
There will be changes to some departure times and some trips will now serve the new carpool lot at Hurontario and Hwy. 407. Some weekday and all Sunday and holiday trips will be discontinued for the summer.

50-U OF T SCARBOROUGH-CENTENNIAL COLLEGE GO BUS
Service will be discontinued for the summer.

52-HWY. 407 EAST GO BUS
There will be some earlier departures so be sure to check the new schedule. Some weekday and all Sunday and holiday trips will be discontinued for the summer.

64-NEWMARKET-YORK UNIVERSITY GO BUS
Some trips will be discontinued for the summer.

65-BARRIE-BRADFORD GO TRAIN & BUS
Some weekday southbound trains will depart a little later so be sure to check the new schedule.

69-SUTTON GO BUS
The weekday southbound trip that departs Sutton at 9:00 a.m. will now depart at 8:50, and times will be earlier at some stops along the route.

There will be minor adjustments to the weekday schedule for all trips to better reflect typical travel times.

81-PORT PERRY GO BUS
A new weekday southbound trip will depart Port Perry at 6:30 a.m., make all regular stops, and arrive at the Whitby GO Station at 7:20 to connect with the 7:29 westbound train to Union.

A new weekday northbound trip will depart Whitby at 4:09 p.m., make all regular stops and arrive in Port Perry at 4:46. This trip provides a connection from the 3:13 p.m. eastbound train from Union.

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Red Sox to be enshrined

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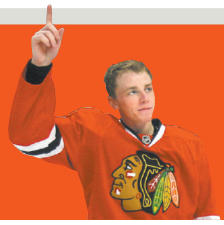

Cover boy Kane

Chicago Blackhawks winger Patrick Kane, left, is the new cover boy of EA Sports made-in-Vancouver NHL 10 video game. Kane follows in the footsteps of Calgary Flames defenceman Dion Phaneuf, who was on the 2009 cover. Alex Ovechkin is featured on the cover of the rival 2K Sports game. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Judge sets local auction for Coyotes

PHOENIX A bankruptcy judge has moved up the deadline for the proposed sale of the Phoenix Coyotes to a local owner. Chicago Bulls and White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf promised a bid in a hearing yesterday that would keep the team in Arizona.

However, Judge Redfield T. Baum set a fallback date in September for a bid to relocate the team to Hamilton if a local sale fails to go through.

The new deadline for the sale is Aug. 5.

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Where unpredictable happens

Raptors prepare for NBA draft featuring no real sure thing

The Toronto Raptors have spent the past several weeks auditioning players, painstakingly taking notes, making phone calls, watching and rewatching video.

But no matter how prepared they are, come Thursday and the crapshoot that is the NBA draft, anything can happen.

The Raptors have the No. 9 pick in this year's draft at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Who they end up with is far from a given considering the only somewhat sure thing is Oklahoma forward Blake Griffin going No. 1 to the Los Angeles Clippers. Who goes where from there on down to No. 9 is anybody's guess.

"It's definitely not clear water, let's just say that," Jim Kelly, the Raptors' senior director of player personnel, said in a phone interview yesterday.

Making matters more muddled, the Raptors have several key free agents that may or may not be back next season, and so the makeup of the team remains somewhat in limbo.

"You try to project where they fit on our team and we happen to have a number of free agents, and we're not really sure if we're going to be able to re-sign those people," Kelly said.

Shawn Marion, Anthony Parker and Jake Voskuhl are unrestricted free agents, while Carlos Delfino is a restricted free agent. Pops Mensah-Bonsu and Joey Graham will be unrestricted free agents if the team doesn't tender a qualifying offer by June 30.

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Yankees protest loss to Marlins

BASEBALL The New York Yankees have filed an official protest with the commissioner's office, one day after a disputed loss to the Florida Marlins.

New York manager Joe Girardi protested Sunday's 6-5 loss at Florida because of a Marlins substitution mix-up in the eighth inning.

Teams have 24 hours after a game to submit an official protest, and Major League Baseball spokesman Pat Courtney confirmed yesterday that the Yankees met the deadline.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER South Africa came under heavy criticism over security fears yesterday amid mounting reports of crime striking players and fans during the Confederations Cup. Police are investigating claims that the Johannesburg hotel rooms of five Egyptian players were robbed of about US$2,000, while Brazil said cash and a jacket were also stolen from two of their rooms in Pretoria.

BAIL Retired NBA star Jayson Williams will remain free on bail after a judge yesterday rejected a prosecutor's request to revoke the bail and send him to prison for covering up the shooting of a hired driver more than seven years ago. Prosecutors asked the judge to reconsider the sentencing delay due to Williams' recent run-ins with the law, saying he has become "unpredictable."

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Federer wins, Canadians lose as Wimbledon opens

TENNIS Roger Federer thought Centre Court looked smashing, what with its new retractable roof at the ready, all white fabric and steel trusses.

The fans at Wimbledon thought Federer looked smashing, too, what with his new collar-up, military-style jacket and formfitting tuxedo vest, all white with gold trim.

As for Federer's play yesterday at the All England Club? Well, for a few minutes, that did not look quite so good. But only for a few minutes. After trailing by a break in the first set of his first match since winning the French Open to complete a career Grand Slam, Federer righted himself and beat Yen-hsun Lu of Taiwan 7-5, 6-3, 6-2 to take the first step toward a record-breaking 15th major championship overall.

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Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., plays a forehand during the women's singles first- round loss to Francesca Schiavone on Day 1 of Wimbledon yesterday.

"Solid performance," Federer said. "It's funny: I actually didn't even think about it — I didn't have a grass-court match yet this year. It's something I completely forgot about."

Day 1 at Wimbledon featured only one upset of any significance: 17th-seeded James Blake of the United States lost in straight sets to 50th-ranked Andreas Seppi of Italy. And even that wasn't all that shocking, considering that Blake has now lost three Grand Slam matches in a row. Otherwise, No. 21 Feliciano Lopez was beaten by Karol Beck 10-8 in the fifth set, while two seeded women lost, No. 21 Patty Schnyder and No. 23 Canadian Aleksandra Wozniak.

The Blainville, Que., native who made the semifinals at Eastbourne last week, lost 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to the 43rd-ranked Francesca Schiavone.

Fellow Canadian Frank Dancevic, a finalist at Eastbourne, also lost, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-3 to Belgian Steve Darcis.

Past Wimbledon champions Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova reached the second round, as did No. 4 Novak Djokovic, No. 7 Fernando Verdasco, No. 9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and No. 13 Robin Soderling.

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Fehr set to retire

Donald Fehr is retiring as head of the baseball players' association after more than a quarter-century in charge of the powerful labour union. Fehr, who turns 61 next month, said yesterday he will retire no later than the end of March. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Glover wins U.S. Open

In a final hour packed with emotion, Lucas Glover played a steady hand to win the U.S. Open.

So many amazing stories belonged to contenders all around him yesterday at Bethpage Black, from Phil Mickelson's stirring bid to win for his beloved wife as she battles breast cancer, to David Duval coming out of nowhere and almost winning for the first time in eight years.

Glover kept his cap tugged low and played the kind of golf that wins a U.S. Open under any conditions.

He made only one birdie in the rain-delayed final round, and it could not have been timed any better. Glover holed a six-foot putt on the 16th hole to break one last tie for the lead, then held on with pars to close with a 3-over 73 for a two-shot victory.

"It was a test of patience, that's for sure," Glover said. "It was just heart today."

It was sheer heartache for Mickelson.

His wife, Amy, is due to have surgery for breast cancer next week. She left cards and text messages asking him to bring home the silver trophy from a U.S. Open that has taunted Lefty for a decade.

The New York gallery came to life when Lefty rolled in a 35-foot birdie putt on the 12th, and he followed with an approach to four feet on the par-5 13th for an eagle that suddenly gave him a share of the lead.

Right when it was in his grasp, though, Mickelson let it slip away again.

He missed a three-foot par putt on the 15th hole, and another par putt from eight feet on the 17th that ended his dream finish. Mickelson closed with a 70 and wound up in a three-way tie for second with Duval and 54-hole leader Ricky Barnes.

Mickelson left Bethpage Black with the wrong kind of distinction. He set the U.S. Open record with his fifth runner-up finish.

"Certainly I'm disappointed," Mickelson said, "but now that it's over, I've got more important things going on.

"And," he added, then paused, "oh, well."

Even more stunning was the revival of Duval.

The former No. 1 player in golf came to the U.S. Open as a qualifier who had plunged to No. 882 in the world. Showing remarkable resiliency throughout the week, Duval recovered from another big number — a triple bogey from a plugged lie in a bunker — and surged into a share of the lead with three straight birdies.

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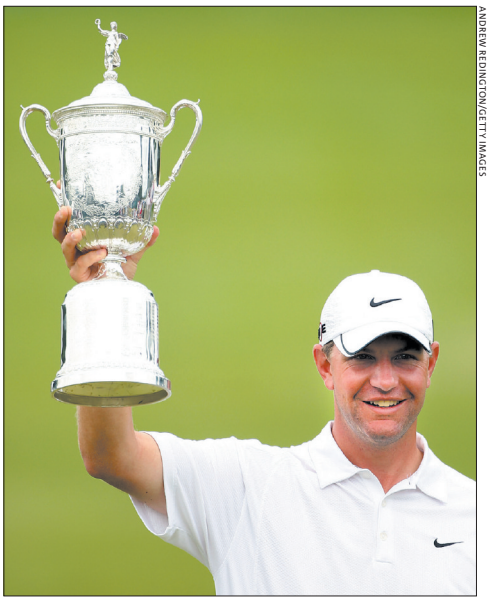
Final Canadian scores

- Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., and Stephen Ames of Calgary finished tied for 10th at 2-over.
- Amateur Nick Taylor of Abbotsford, B.C., finished as the low amateur with an 8-over 288 total.



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Lucas Glover celebrates with the winner's trophy after his two-stroke victory yesterday at the 109th U.S. Open on the Black Course at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, N.Y.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER ESPN will broadcast live Premier League matches for the first time in Britain after gaining rights from Setanta. The Premier League announced yesterday that ESPN will televise 46 matches next season and 23 in each of the three seasons from 2010-11 in its first major contract to broadcast live sports in Britain. ESPN is also interested in acquiring the Scottish Premier League rights, which were taken off Setanta yesterday after it failed make a scheduled payment. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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New York	38	31	.551	4
TORONTO	**38**	**33**	**.535**	**5**
Tampa Bay	37	34	.521	6
Baltimore	32	37	.464	10
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	38	31	.551	-
Minnesota	35	36	.493	4
Chicago	33	36	.478	5
Kansas City	29	39	.426	8.5
Cleveland	29	42	.408	10
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	36	30	.545	-
Texas	37	31	.544	-
Seattle	35	34	.507	2.5
Oakland	30	38	.441	7

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	36	31	.537	-
New York	34	33	.507	2
Florida	35	36	.493	3
Atlanta	32	36	.471	4.5
Washington	20	47	.299	16
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	39	31	.557	-
Milwaukee	37	32	.536	1.5
Chicago	34	31	.523	2.5
Cincinnati	34	34	.500	4
Houston	32	35	.478	5.5
Pittsburgh	31	38	.449	7.5
WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	45	24	.652	-
San Francisco	37	31	.544	7.5
Colorado	36	33	.522	9
San Diego	30	38	.441	14.5
Arizona	29	41	.414	16.5

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Canada's Gold Cup roster a 'new sort of squad'

SOCCER The absence of some notable veterans means Canada will use a young lineup when play begins early next month in the Gold Cup tournament.

The 23-man roster announced yesterday by interim coach Stephen Hart has nine players making their Gold Cup debut. The fresh faces include 22-year-old forward Simeon Jackson, 23-year-old defender Dejan Jakovic, and 24-year-old goalkeeper Joshua Wagenaar.

All three have one international cap to their credit. Jackson scored in his debut during Canada's 1-0 victory in a friendly against Cyprus on May 30.

One of the challenges facing Hart will be building an attack using forwards like Jackson, Josh Simpson and Will Johnson without the benefit of any games prior to the tournament.

"The situation is one where we have some young strikers. We'll see how they adjust to what we are trying to do. We are just going to see who looks sharpest and who responds the best."
Stephen Hart, interim coach

"The lack of friendlies means you don't really get to see the players and you don't get to experience very much," Hart said during a telephone conference call.

"The situation is one where we have some young strikers. We'll see how they adjust to what we are trying to do. We are just going to see who looks sharpest and who responds the best. I suspect all of them are going to get in and get a chance to show what they can do."

Among the veterans missing from the lineup are midfielder Dwayne De Rosario, defender Jim Brennan and keeper Lars Hirschfeld.

Hart said some players like Brennan were not asked to join the team. Others like De Rosario declined the invitation.

"I think people have genuine reasons as to why they didn't want to be there," said Hart. "I'm disappointed in one way but at the end of the day I think it opens opportunities for other players to experience a tournament like this.

"Quite frankly, Canada will be looking at a new sort of squad going into the next three or four years. It's sort of a unique opportunity and have to look at it that way."

Brennan and De Rosario, who play for Toronto FC in the MLS, were both critical of how the national team operated under former head coach Dale Mitchell.

Brennan, who has represented Canada in 49 international games, said he would not play for the national team again as long as Mitchell was coach.

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Interim finance chief at Sun Life

Colm Freyne has been appointed interim chief financial officer at Sun Life Financial effective July 1. Freyne replaces Rick McKenney, who has resigned and will be moving to a U.S. financial services company. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business

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In brief

AUTOS Car maker Porsche said yesterday that a German state-owned bank has asked it to make improvements in its application for $1.75 billion. Porsche is trying to alleviate debt it ran up as it increased its stake in larger German auto maker Volkswagen AG, in which it now holds a 51 per cent stake. It made its bid to the KfW development bank this month.

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Glass ceiling still in place for women

In the rough and tumble world of stock and bond trading and private wealth management, women have made "virtually no gains," a new study shows.

Part of the problem is the industry's lingering image as dominated by a "cigar-chomping group of men" where everyone works 15-hour days, Lynn Kennedy, managing director of foreign exchange for BMO Capital Markets, told a luncheon where the report was released yesterday. Kennedy said the idea women need to network after office hours to get ahead is probably over-rated.

The study by Catalyst Canada found women made no progress even as employment in capital markets at the management level grew 12 per cent to 16,300 during an eight-year period ending in April 2008.

17 Women remain stuck at 17 per cent of all senior managers, the Catalyst Canada study found.

Despite the stated support of senior bank executives, women remained stuck at 17 per cent of all senior managers, those with jobs that lead to a shot at the corner office, the study found. They made up 21 per cent of all middle managers.

"There is still no-one holding the title of chairman, president or chief executive officer," Deborah Gillis, vice-president, Catalyst Canada, said.

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New iPhone Million sold

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Apple Inc. sold more than a million iPhone 3G S units in the first three days, making it the most successful model yet. The new model went on sale Friday in the U.S. and seven other countries. The iPhone 3G S has a faster processor and a better camera than the 3G which is still on sale for $99 US. The 3G S costs $199 or $299 depending on the memory capacity.

Investors flee stock markets

ECONOMY Just when investors thought it was safe to go back in the water, the recession took another big bite out of the stock market's surfboard yesterday after the World Bank warned that a strong economic recovery is likely still a long way off.

Sellers wiped out 4.4 per cent of the value of the main S&P/TSX index, which dumped 453.77 points to land at 9,834.18, the worst one-day point loss since early December.

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OSC probe hits Manulife shares

TRADING Shares in Manulife Financial Corp. tumbled by more than 13 per cent in trading yesterday amid allegations that the company didn't adequately inform investors about the risks of its guaranteed fund business.

The Ontario Securities Commission said it has reached a preliminary conclusion that Manulife failed to meet disclosure obligations related to its exposure to market price risk in its guaranteed fund products. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Quebecor World's Canadian creditors OK restructuring plan

PRINTER Canadian creditors of Quebecor World have voted strongly in favour of the insolvent commercial printer's restructuring plan to exit bankruptcy protection. The deal still requires approval by 6,000 eligible creditors in the U.S.

Once approved, Quebecor World will convert $3 billion US of debt into new equity, the payment of $100 million US in cash and $70 million US of new debt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nokia to keep 800 Nortel staff

Nokia Siemens Networks says it will hang onto about 800 Canadian employees of Nortel Networks as part of the plan to buy a major portion of the former technology giant's wireless business.

Simon Beresford-Wylie, chief executive officer of Nokia Siemens, said yesterday about 2,500 Nortel employees would transfer to Nokia Siemens, with about a third of them in Canada.

About 500 of those jobs are expected to stay in Ottawa, where the company houses most of its Canadian operations. Most other jobs will be at Nortel's U.S. headquarters in Dallas.

The decision comes as Nortel Networks had its shares suspended by the Toronto Stock Exchange yesterday. The TSX says it took the move as a result of Nortel's plan to sell its CDMA wireless network business to Nokia Siemens. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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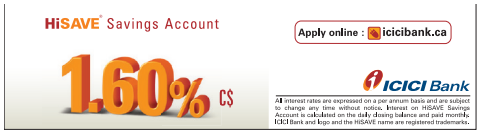

Loyalty sexier than ever

It's all about strategic shopping, stretching the buck

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I've been a big fan of loyalty programs since my dad religiously collected Canadian Tire money in shoeboxes in his closet.

You might not think of it this way but that retail funny money was an early form of a loyalty program.

These days the trouble with reward\loyalty cards is they tend to proliferate in your wallet. And if you clean it out the one you need ends up missing at the checkout. The other downside to the loyalty business is that retail and travel love affairs end just like human ones. If you're invested in a single store, hotel or airline and decide to switch your affections all that loyalty goes out the window.

Alison's Money Rule:

- Learning how to be a savvy spender with a loyalty program can pay huge dividends far beyond this difficult economic period.

The recession lesson, in terms of loyalty programs, is to consolidate your spending devotion and pick one, preferably attached to a credit card. Use the card for all your everyday purchases like groceries, gas and pharmacy items. Pay off the balance monthly and you will reap the reward awards and enjoy an enhanced credit rating. But don't get carried away and buy stuff you don't need solely to get the loyalty reward.

Personally, I like Air Miles because there are over 100 sponsors and thousands of rewards so you are not stuck with one hotel or airline. But whichever loyalty program you choose, be sure to take full advantage.

Shop where the loyalty card is honoured and use both your member card and the credit card to double dip.

In the case of Air Miles, the only way to get the additional bonus points offered is to use both your blue or gold Air Miles card plus the loyalty credit card. I call that the Triple Threat Trick.

Shop where your loyalty card is honoured and use both your member card and credit card.

Learning how to be a savvy spender will pay huge dividends far beyond this difficult economic period. For example, you can consider all those reward miles as an emergency bank account to pay for an unexpected trip or replace a broken appliance. In the end it's all about strategic shopping and stretching the buck.

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Buyers' details on the new HST

MoneyMatters

Q After six years of scrimping and saving, my wife and I have are ready to buy our first home, a condo. Will the new harmonized tax affect our condo purchase?
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A Ontario's budget announced a replacement of the current Ontario sales tax (eight per cent) and the federal Goods and Services Tax (five per cent) with a 13 per cent Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). The new HST will apply to the purchase of new homes in Ontario beginning July 1, 2010.

This is not a welcome tax for the housing industry and homebuyers alike. The HST will effectively add 13 per cent of the sale price for a new home.

The province's original announcement in March offered full rebates for homes priced $400,000 or less and partial rebates between $400,000 to $500,000, then completely phased out greater than $500,000.

However, the premier's announcement on June 19 made slight changes and will provide rebates on the first $400,000 price of all homes including higher priced houses.

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Peer-grades ruled against

An Ontario court has upheld a previous ruling that found that University of Toronto psychology professor Steve Joordens' use of a peer-marking system violated the collective agreement for the university's teaching assistants and sessional instructors. The union representing these instructors filed a grievance against uToronto when it found out about the software with which students would grade and comment on each other's work. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Building strength and fitness

Conditioning coach wants to push people to achieve beyond their limits

Head to **Toe**

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If a great workout is what you're after, Tyler Lees-Schmut's job is to sure you get the butt-kicking — and the results — you deserve.

As a strength and conditioning coach at the Dynamic Conditioning Centre in Toronto, Lees-Schmut, 24, teaches clients to find fitness and confidence in themselves by helping them conquer workouts designed for their unique bodies.

"It's all about noticing imbalances in a person's body and paying attention to them and being able to modify an exercise to suit each person," he said.

Whether it's helping hockey players beef up their quads or pushing office workers to strengthen their slouching backs, Lees-Schmut doesn't mess around — he wants to push your body to its limits so you can learn to go beyond them.

"Some people have a misconception that strength trainers are, to use a single word, 'meatheads' — the misconception is that it doesn't take a lot of smarts to be a trainer. That's not true at all."
Tyler Lees-Schmut

He says some of his most rewarding work has been with clients who don't think they can handle vigorous exercise or truly achieve meaningful results because with the right coaching, they can. Just because a buff hardbody in the corner of the gym can pull a truck tire across the floor or dead-lift a full keg over their head doesn't mean you should feel discouraged.

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Tyler Lees-Schmut is a strength and conditioning coach at Toronto's Dynamic Conditioning Centre.

"A lot of people come in and see someone doing something tough and they say, 'Oh, I could never do that.' Well you'd be surprised at what you can do," Lees-Schmut said.

Lees-Schmut says his father was his biggest influence growing up, motivating him to play sports and enjoy physical activity.

"I owe my dad a lot for sure — he got me into sports as a kid. There's just an innate passion for moving in me and seeing what the human body can do," he said.

The biggest challenge for Lees-Schmut is not actually related to his expertise or work with clients but rather with public perceptions of what his job entails.

"Some people have a misconception that strength trainers are, to use a single word, 'meatheads' — the misconception is that it doesn't take a lot of smarts to be a trainer. That's not true at all. We have to know a lot, we have to have those smarts to do our job correctly," Lees-Schmut said.

Lees-Schmut finished a four-year program at George Brown College in Toronto where his studies were split between physiology and practical experience. He credits the practical focus of his college education with giving him the preparation to succeed in his field.

"What's great about the city colleges is that they're known for giving you plenty of practical experience before your graduation that really gets you ready for employment," he said.

Lees-Schmut loves a challenge and finds satisfaction in being acknowledged by the people he helps get fit.

"It's a huge reward, to hear an athlete say your training was a big reason for their success."

Workout tips

Thinking of starting a workout? Lees-Schmut offers a few tips:

- Most people who sit at a computer for long hours have weak hamstrings and frail, slouching backs – give some attention to strengthening these areas before embarking on a full-out regimen.
- Tell your trainer or coach about any physical issues you may have — they can modify exercises to ensure your avoid injury while still getting a great workout.
- Cardio work is great but deadlifts – lifting a heavy barbell off the floor – actually expend more energy in the course of a workout. However, make sure you strengthen your back and legs before attempting deadlifts.

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Sitting pretty

Retail market addressing men's interest in skin care and grooming products

KATE McCAFFERY
For Metro Canada

Although terms like "metrosexual" are fading from use — thank goodness — men today are definitely showing more interest in skin care and grooming. So much interest, in fact, that the cosmetics industry has identified the male market as an area of future growth.

Believe it or not, rap star 50 Cent is reportedly developing a skin care line for men and Holt Renfrew has launched professional facial services for its male clients.

Meanwhile, Grey's Anatomy star Patrick Dempsey is on deck for spokesperson duty at L'Oréal and even Kiehl's is donating all net proceeds from one of its biodegradable body cleanser products in exchange for an endorsement from actor Brad Pitt — even though Pitt won't appear on the bottle or in any advertisements.

For men, the interest is good news. Retailers are understanding more about the way men like to shop and more attention is being paid to product quality. All-in-one convenience products, moisturizers for men and lighter texture sunscreens are just a few of the growing number of items that can be found.

What's interesting and somewhat surprising, says Dave Lackie, editor of Cosmetics Magazine, is the take-off of demand and interest in anti-aging products for men.

"Ten years ago, the bestselling items in the skin care lines were shave creams and aftershaves. Today, they're all anti-aging products — firming, eye creams. Anything that targets wrinkles has been a surprise hit."

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He says there are two trends driving this interest: Boomers want to beat perceived ageism issues in the workforce and younger men — "a new generation of guys who are very image conscious" — are becoming interested in treatments, the luxe lifestyle and the whole experience of looking good. "There is a whole new group of consumers coming in that are open to this," says Lackie.

Shoppers Drug Mart representative Tammy Smitham agrees. Nowadays, she says, those men who are buying skin care products tend to be younger, but there is also a growing group of older customers interested in all of the same products typically associated with women's skin care. "The first purchase might have been made by a woman, but the next purchase is being made by the man — they're replenishing now. I even hear stories where men are actually borrowing their wife's skin care products," she laughs.

Left, Rap star 50 Cent is reportedly developing a skin care line for men; Kiehl's is donating 100 per cent of net proceeds from one of its biodegradable body cleansing products in exchange for an endorsement from actor Brad Pitt.

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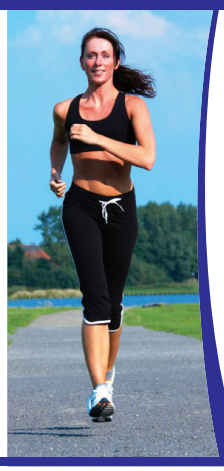

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SHOW Are you eating yourself to death? If you'd like to see a dramatic depiction of what high-fat, high-sugar food is doing inside our bodies, watch Jamie Oliver's Eat to Save Your Life.

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Each of the 18 volunteers is assessed for weight, height, cholesterol, blood sugar levels, liver function, blood pressure and BMI, and each gets tips designed for them. The one-hour show airs on the Food Network on Sun., June 28 at 7 p.m. ET.

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Pampering a man's game too

Hard working men deserve a relaxing reward, say spa experts

BRIAN COULTON
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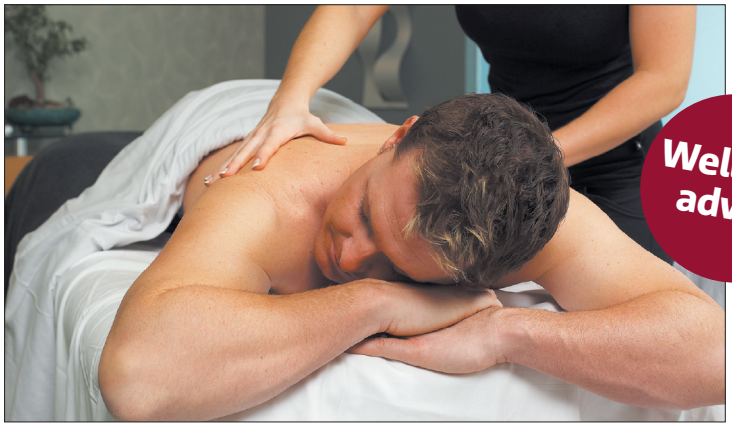

For men, visiting spas is not just about pampering but about living a healthy lifestyle as well.

When you walk into the Truefitt & Hill spa, there's little doubt you're in the men's club.

The 10-year-old spa, located in Scotia Plaza in Toronto's financial district, is lined with dark hardwood floors and cabinets, and forest green leather armchairs, with Frank Sinatra streaming from the speakers.

But catering only to men makes this spa an anomaly, targeting a gender that still often views pampering for pleasure a woman's game.

"The idea that the spa is only for women simply isn't true as men account for 29 per cent of spa-goers in Canada," says Lynne McNees, president of the International Spa Association.

"More and more men are realizing that spas are not just about pampering, but a necessity to living a healthy lifestyle and they are making spa visits a regular part of their wellness routine."

It's a routine Dennis Melnbardis has kept for more than 10 years. He works in management consulting in the Scotia Plaza and, aside from Truefitt & Hill's convenient location, he said he maintains regular visits for haircuts, shaves and shoe shines because appearance is important to him.

"It's sort of engendered in peoples' minds that only women care about good grooming," he said. "My view is it's equally important for men. To me, it's not unusual that men would want to pay attention to their personal appearance and have a spa treatment."

But spas like Truefitt & Hill offer more than just basic salon services. While receiving an atypical nine-steam towel cocoa butter cream shave by barber Don, who's been in the business for 50 years, manicurist Olga buffs, shines and massages my hands. Topped off with a neck and back massage, it's clear this isn't your standard salon.

"This is a place of relaxation," says Rick Ricci, the spa's owner. "This is more than a spa — it's a haven for a guy to come and unwind."

Due to the location of Ricci's haven, he says he services men who work hard — executives, CEOs and presidents.

"I think anyone that works hard deserves some form of treatment — some form of reward," he says. "For the money we charge, I think it is the royal treatment."

Ricci recalls the story of a man he knew who would put on a crisp shirt at midday, every day, because of how it made him feel refreshed. He says the spa has the same effect.

Numbers not everything in SPF

PROTECTION It's not very sexy or high-tech ... but if you don't want your skin to end up looking like an old boot, slathering on sun block year-round is a key consideration.

Not sure what to wear?

A couple that caught our eye: Neutrogena Ultra Sheer Dry-Touch Sunblock SPF 85, RoC Minesol Lipstick SPF 20, Ombrelle Kids Protection Milk XL SPF 60 and Coppertone Sport SPF 15.

Dr. Cheryl Rosen, CDA's national Sun Awareness Program director, says SPF 15 — if applied and used properly — provides about 90 per cent protection against the burning ultraviolet B (UVB) rays. Any sunscreen numbers above that offer incremental protection, she says.

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Scent of a man

Men have long embraced the fragrance industry

KATE McCAFFERY
For Metro Canada

Fragrance is one area where the beauty industry has a long history of targeting men — for the majority, in fact, fragrance is one of the first "beauty" products a man will buy.

Statistics show the average Canadian guy has three fragrances in his bathroom. Given the sheer number of fragrances available though — traditional scent staples, seasonal and limited editions, not to mention the range of smell strengths found in different products from the same line — it's not at all surprising that choosing one can be a daunting task.

Choosing a new fragrance though is a task that might be worth undertaking, particularly if your scent is more than a few years old. (Provided you store fragrances in a cool, dry place, they should be good for at least two to three years. Some can last even longer, depending on the quality of ingredients used).

It is commonly known that fragrances can smell different, depending on who wears the smell. Many don't know, however, that there are more than nine different scent families that colognes and sprays typically come from.

Where one might be more aromatic, another could be a floral citrus blend while a third smells more like tobacco or leather.

"Remember what you've worn in the past, what you've liked and what you've disliked," says Tammy Smitham, director of communications and corporate affairs at Shoppers Drug Mart.

For women interested in purchasing a perfume for a man, she says it's also a good idea to start with smells you've liked in the past, even if you haven't smelled them on the person for whom the gift or purchase is intended for.

"Go with what you like," she says. "That's probably my number one advice. It's something you're going to be smelling, probably every day, so make sure you like it."

If sampling in-store is a problem, it's worth knowing that nearly all cosmeticians stock alcohol wipes that can be used to remove scents that don't jive with your plans for later in the day.

How to choose a fragrance

When choosing a new scent, there are a number of suggestions to keep in mind:

- Remember what you've worn in the past. This will help the cosmetician make recommendations.
- Spray the smell on your inner wrist. The top of your hand is a dry area that won't give the truest smell later on.
- Wait until the smell dries. "When you spray it right out of the bottle, you're getting more of the top notes and the alcohol concentration," says director of communications and corporate affairs at Shoppers Drug Mart. "Once it dries up, that's what the scent will really smell like."
- Never try more than three in one visit — this overwhelms the senses. "You're not going to be able to distinguish any longer between the scents."
- Know your price range.
- Think about where you will wear the smell. Will a woodsy scent work during the hot summer months? How about at the office? In one context a smell can be offensive. In others, at night or at a club, it can be barely noticeable.

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Animals do 'it' too

Same-sex coupling exists in most species: Study

The J Spot

Biologists are divided about whether sexual behaviour in animal species casts any scientific light on human homosexuality, columnist Josey Vogels writes.

Birds do it, bees do it, and apparently giraffes, dolphins and elephants do it too. The "it" being engaging in homosexual behaviour.

A new study by California scientists published in the journal Trends in Ecology & Evolution claims that same-sex coupling occurs in virtually all existing animal species.

The idea of homosexuality among animals is controversial because it doesn't jibe with the biological imperative given same-sex couplings can't reproduce.

But, in some cases, like that of Laysan albatrosses, if a male-female pair produces eggs and "dad" dies or takes off, another female often steps in to help raise the chicks, increasing their chances of survival. In other cases, it seems like more of a time killer, as with male Bottlenose dolphins that engage in sexual play with other males until the female is sexually mature and ready for action.

Still others, like male fruit flies, are just too daft to distinguish males or females because they lack a gene that would help tell them apart.

Still, despite the evidence, researchers who support the existence of homosexuality among animals are often accused of having an agenda, using the presence of homosexuality in animals to justify it among humans.

But Canadian biologist Bruce Bagemihl, author of Biological Exuberance: Animal Homosexuality and Natural Diversity emphasizes the opposite. "It's too easy to say, because homosexuality occurs in animals, it must be natural in people," he explains. "Animals do many things we wouldn't consider acceptable behaviour in people — rape, incest and so on."

And, as Bagemihl's research reveals, while there may be an explanation for homosexual behaviour in one species, no general explanation applies. "I think we need to re-examine why we're looking for an explanation in the first place," he says. "Maybe, for example, they're just having fun."

Back on our farm growing up, it wasn't uncommon to see Bossy mounting Flossie out in the pasture. Was it because certain cows had secret homosexual yearnings or was it simply that there was no Bart the Bull available to mess around with?

"The whole question of sexual pleasure is tough for zoologists to deal with," adds Bagemihl. "There is a continuum of sexual expression in the animal world that includes heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality and everything in between. Why can't we see this behaviour as a natural variation in sexual expression?"

After all, hanging out in the jungle all day, catching bugs and swinging from vines has to get a little dull.

For more from Josey, visit her Sexcetera blog at metronews.ca/blogs.

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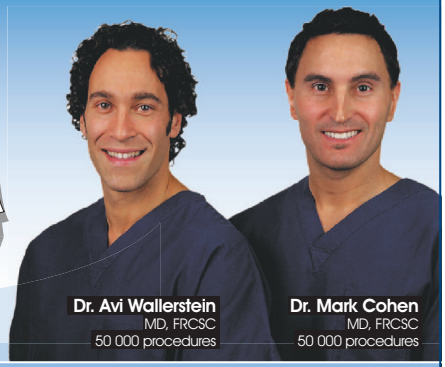
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Nip/Tuck cancelled

Nip/Tuck has been cancelled after 100 episodes. The quirky plastic surgery drama, starring Dylan Walsh and Julian McMahon, debuted in 2003 and became an instant critical and ratings hit in America. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

New role

Britney Spears is set to star in a new movie. The singer is in talks to star in The Yellow Star of Sophia and Eton, which is set during the Second World War. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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DVD picks

Crossing Over

Director: Wayne Kramer

HARRISON FORD'S artistic losing streak continues with this muddled immigration drama that makes Crash look like some kind of masterpiece. He's Max Brogan, a veteran agent for the U.S. department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Los Angeles, and also the butt of jokes for his bleeding-heart approach to every border jumper and refugee claimant. Max gets swept away by sympathy for a Mexican single mom (Alice Braga) who is about to be deported, along with her young son. Others, meanwhile, are trying to beat the system — atheist folk singer Gavin (Jim Sturgess) tries to bluff his way into America via a religious exemption; erstwhile actress Claire (Alice Eve) reluctantly agrees to sleep her way in. Crossing Over plays like an overripe pilot for a failed TV series. There are no extras.

Confessions of a Shopaholic

Director: P.J. Hogan

EVEN IF THE economy hadn't melted down shortly after filming wrapped up, this sad excuse for comedy would still have seemed like an exercise in, "What were they thinking?" The unfunny Isla Fisher plays the charge-happy Rebecca in P.J. Hogan's dull adaptation of the Sophie Kinsella bestseller. Rebecca's three biggest problems are idiocy, greed and poverty, yet they prove no impediment to her landing a job at a money magazine advising people on how best to save. Hugh Dancy is the mag editor who thinks Rebecca shows promise in both the love and loot departments. John Goodman, Joan Cusack and Kristin Scott Thomas are equally blind. Hogan used to make funny movies like Muriel's Wedding and My Best Friend's Wedding, but that was so last century.

Peter Howell/for Metro Canada

Not one of the family

Abigail Breslin plays girl conceived to harvest body parts

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Thirteen-year-old Oscar nominee Abigail Breslin was anxious to get to lunch during a Canada media stopover for the film My Sister's Keeper.

She's approaching the end of a three month strict "no-clothes buying spending diet" imposed by her father. She is scheduled to have lunch at a mall and its only mid-June. The diet doesn't end until July 1.

"Oh yes!" she assures. "He never said anything about shoes or jewelry or purses, he just said clothes. That's a very limited arena."

Breslin's film, based on Jodi Picoult's novel, looks at the damage caused by a mother's obsessive fight to keep alive a daughter gravely ill with leukemia. Breslin plays the second daughter who was scientifically conceived and altered to be a source of body tissue and organ donations for her older sister's procedures.

Breslin's character decides she's had enough, and sues her parents for medical emancipation.

"It teaches us a lot. What you have today you might not have tomorrow. It also shows that the whole family does love each other. It's definitely a hard situation to be in to have to decide what to do. Every situation in the movie is hard and my character, she's between her sister and her family and that is definitely hard, " Breslin says.

"I see the mother's point of view," she continues. "That's one of the things I liked about the movie. There are no real bad guys, everybody's doing what they think is right and best and not trying to do anything bad."

Abigail Breslin stars in the new film My Sister's Keeper.

My Sister's Keeper opens in theatres on Friday.

Breslin's sunny face darkens ever so slightly. "People tell me they wept watching it. Well, I cried making it. It's definitely a hard movie to watch but at the end of the day, it's about a family who, even though they are disconnected, they still love each other.

"That's really important. It makes you think, it taught me not to take anything for granted, especially health. It shows what a really horrible disease cancer is. And one day I want to be able to say it used to be but it's not any more."

"It's definitely a hard movie to watch but at the end of the day, it's about a family who even though they are disconnected they still love each other." Abigail Breslin

There are some less heavy roles on Breslin's horizon, including the animated features The Wild Bunch, Rango and Quantum Quest: A Cassini Space Odyssey, along with horror-comedy Zombieland.

The young actress is quick to change back to cheerier subjects.

"I definitely like acting, and I like fashion, I like clothes," Breslin says. "And I'm double-jointed."

With that, she bends her thumb right up against her wrist, then jumps up, turns her high-heeled feet in opposite directions and walks, one foot facing completely backwards.

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Dick slams McDonald's

Andy Dick led a PETA protest in Chicago on Thursday dressed as a blood-spattered Ronald McDonald. The newly-sober funnyman-turned-activist slammed McDonald's bosses for the way they treat chickens. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

'Our music is the weapon'

Tom Morello crafts revolutionary party jams with Street Sweeper Social Club

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

"A Street Sweeper isn't what you think it is," relates Street Sweeper Social Club mainstay Tom Morello, shrugging off the image of bristly men polishing city avenues. "It's a machine gun that shoots shotgun-sized shells; the only firearm that the National Rifle Association is in favour of banning."

One might not instantly recognize the name Tom Morello but the guitarist/producer's pedigree is certainly unforgettable. Attaining global recognition with his first bona fide act, hip-hop/hard rock hybrid Rage Against The Machine in the 1990s through to sophomore opus Audioslave that featured members of Rage consorting with former Soundgarden throat Chris Cornell, Morello's work has burrowed further into our brains than most would expect.

"That sheds a different light on what a Street Sweeper Social Club is," he says, with a grin. "The idea is that our music is the weapon, which we intend to be powerful enough to sweep the streets with."

Morello's latest endeavour, Street Sweeper Social Club is best defined as a return to his amalgam of flowing rhymes laid over aggressive, distortion-heavy music. While not a vast departure from his storied legacy, with the influx of fresh talent, namely former hip-hop outfit The Coup vocalist Boots Riley as emcee, Morello feels he is only starting to truly hit his stride as a musician.

"Since Audioslave broke up, I felt this real freedom," he sighs. "It was great to reunite with Rage Against The Machine and do those shows and now doing this feels free and exciting. It's some of the heaviest and hardest music I've ever been involved in. I enjoy that freedom."

The self-titled debut album from Street Sweeper Social Club — the new band comprising guitarist Tom Morello, left, and vocalist/emcee Boots Riley — was released last week.

Essentially a duo comprised of Morello directing the musical output — he wrote and produced the band's eponymous debut, which was released last week — while Riley steers esthetics, Street Sweeper Social Club is the direct result of years of sharing stages in various capacities honed down into one definable act, what Morello acutely dubs "revolutionary party jams."

"There's a very clear and workable division of labour," Morello beams. "I write the music, Boots writes the lyrics. I produce the records, Boots designs the stage outfits. He comes up with video ideas, I write the set lists. It's very cool. I've never been in a band like this."

"Moreover, (Riley's) a brilliant lyricist in the storytelling and satire. He has a way of blending his personal experience to larger issues in a way that people can really relate to. It's my job as the music writer to deliver a ferocious musical bed that's the spoonful of sugar to make the medicine go down. I describe this music — and I feel it's pretty accurate — as revolutionary party jams. You can take those words together or you can put a period between them: Revolutionary. Party. Jams."

"It's some of the heaviest and hardest music I've ever been involved in. I enjoy that freedom." Tom Morello

Teen Wolf 2?

Talk of a possible Teen Wolf remake is back. Warner Bros. is reportedly sniffing out some writers for a fresh take on the tale of high school basketball player who turns into a werewolf. Michael J Fox appeared in the original. **IMDB.COM**

Drake says he and Rihanna are 'good friends'

RUMOURS Toronto rapper Drake has dispelled rumours he and pop superstar Rihanna are dating. "Just good friends," the 22-year-old, whose full name is Aubrey Drake Graham, said with a smile Sunday on the red carpet at the MuchMusic Video Awards.

Speculation of a romance started after the pair reportedly kissed at a New York City bowling alley. They were also rumoured to be canoodling at an after-party for the premiere of the film Year One. Drake, who is best known for playing Jimmy Brooks on the CTV teen series Degrassi: The Next Generation, has said he is writing songs for Rihanna. But neither has said they are an item.

Drake is heading out on tour this summer with Lil Wayne, Soulja Boy and Young Jeezy. Before that, he says he plans to take a mini-vacation before hitting the road.

"I'm going to the Bahamas in a couple of weeks before the tour," he said. "I'm going with my managers and we're just going to relax for, like, four or five days."

Rihanna, 21, hails from Barbados. Drake's debut album, Thank Me Later, is due out later this year.

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Brown pleads guilty in Rihanna assault

Chris Brown has pleaded guilty to one count of felony assault on pop star Rihanna. Brown entered his plea before a preliminary hearing was scheduled to start in Los Angeles yesterday.

LORI SHIPLER/POOL

Chris Brown, right, is seen during a preliminary hearing in his felony assault case yesterday in a Los Angeles courtroom.

Rihanna had been on standby to testify.

After Brown left the courtroom, Rihanna entered and was addressed by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Patricia Schnegg, who explained to the Barbados-born singer that she had issued a stay-away order.

Rihanna had not been seeking a stay-away order, but the judge imposed one. The order requires that Brown and Rihanna stay at least 50 metres from each other, except at industry events when the distance is reduced to 10 metres.

The judge also told Rihanna it's not a one-way order and she will be in violation if she gets closer to Brown than the order allows.

Brown's lawyer, Mark Geragos, said the plea deal includes five years of supervised probation and six months of community labour. Brown will be formally sentenced on Aug. 5.

Schnegg accepted Brown's plea, but expressed some concerns because Brown is not a California resident. She said Brown likely will be allowed to do his community service in his home state of Virginia. He'll have to return to California for updates every three months. He'll also be required to attend domestic violence classes.

"I think it's commendable you took responsibility for your conduct," Schnegg told Brown.

Brown was arrested Feb. 8, hours after police say he hit and threatened Rihanna after leaving a pre-Grammy party in Los Angeles. He was later charged with felony assault likely to produce great bodily harm and making criminal threats.

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Bitten Baldwin bails
Actor Stephen Baldwin bailed out of I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!, after receiving 125 insect bites in eight days. The bites were so bad, he says, he had an extreme allergic reaction that caused him to lose sleep and 22 pounds. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Idol rat pack gears up for tour

In a small, unadorned studio far removed from cameras, spotlights and instant song reviews, the top 10 American Idol finalists are getting ready for a nationwide tour.

They're working on a group performance of Don't Stop Believin', with Matt Giraud and Scott MacIntyre singing and playing at dual pianos and the other eight, slouching comfortably on leather couches, adding their voices from the sidelines.

With so much behind them, and so much ahead, they come across as friends who've gotten together for nothing more than a casual jam session.

"I'm not feeling the backup vocals," Danny Gokey offers at one point, after Adam Lambert notes that a transition is sounding awkward.

"I'm open to suggestions. It's very much a collaborative effort," responds musical director Dave Kochanski.

It's also, at least this morning, a relaxed one. At one point, Gokey delivers a full-blast note and, adding his own colour commentary, declares the "crowd is in shock and awe." Later, the former Milwaukee church music director playfully exhorts the room, "If God's been good to you, I want you to say yeah!"

FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY IMAGES

American Idol top 5 finalists Adam Lambert, Kris Allen, Allison Iraheta, Danny Gokey and Matt Giraud, seen here in April, will hit the road with other Idol finalists for a nationwide tour of the U.S.

Kris Allen, the mellow Conway, Ark., contestant who came out on top, said he expects the tour that begins July 5 in Oregon to be a welcome contrast to the show's experience.

"The energy is going to be better on tour," he said, and it will be easier to loosen up and feed off the crowd's energy. And, he added, "no one's judging you."

"I'll be with my friends, have a good time. I'm really excited," he said.

There will be family as well as pals. Allison Iraheta, who at 17 must have an adult accompanying her, can count on her mother or sister being on hand. Lil Rounds of Memphis, Tenn., expects her husband and three children in visit her in a few cities. Same with Allen's wife, Katy.

At least three of the finalists will have more than the tour to think about: Allen, Iraheta and runner-up Lambert already have deals for albums.

How will Lambert, for one, manage to record and tour?

"You tell me," he responds, with an easy grin. "We're doing a lot of great preliminary work on the album right now. ... It's just double-duty, you know, multitasking."

During a break, Lambert — who confirmed to Rolling Stone that he is gay — said that "I wear myself on my sleeve," and that he's ready to introduce himself to the Idol audience in a personal way.

"I wanted people to enjoy my performances and get on board ... Now that some people have, I feel more free to become personal," he said.

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So MJ thinks she can dance

BIG BREAK Natalli Reznik, a finalist from So You Think You Can Dance Canada, has apparently caught the eye of Michael Jackson.

The Toronto-based talent says she recently auditioned to be a backup dancer for the King of Pop's highly anticipated comeback shows at London's 02 Arena.

She didn't make the cut for those shows but has been asked to be a part of a tour, should he launch one, she says.

"So hopefully the show will expand and I'll go on it," Reznik said backstage at Sunday's MuchMusic Video Awards.

Reznik said the audition took place in Los Angeles and Jackson was on hand to pick out talent.

"He was there, which was amazing, dancing in front of him," she recalled.

The chiselled, Israeli-born talent came in fourth on CTV's So You Think You Can Dance Canada in December.

Before that, she had performed in Cirque du Soleil's Love and danced with Canadian pop sensation Nelly Furtado on her world tour. Reznik was also in the movie Repo: The Genetic Opera and has landed a role in the upcoming TV movie, The Sorority Wars.

Jackson is planning 50 shows for London's 02 Arena, the first of which is scheduled for July 13.

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In brief

MEMORIAL Groundbreaking documentarian Allan King is being remembered at a public memorial for his innovation in film and passion for life. Filmmaker Atom Egoyan and actors Sarah Polley and Gordon Pinsent were among a group of about 300 people who have gathered to pay tribute to King at a downtown Toronto theatre. Photos of King were projected onto a screen as speakers told stories about the filmmaker. King, a groundbreaking filmmaker known for his willingness to delve deeply into dark and painful human stories, passed away last week at the age of 79. He had been diagnosed with a brain tumour earlier this year. King's most significant works include Warrendale and A Married Couple, in which he pioneered a film technique known as cinema verité.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Actor Matthew McConaughey and his girlfriend, Camila Alves, are expecting another baby. McConaughey announced the news in a posting on his website on Father's Day. The 39-year-old actor and Alves have an 11-month-old son, Levi. Writes McConaughey in the posting: "Camila and I are expecting our second child, bringing more life into the world, making more to live for. The future looks bright as the family grows..."

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Being Erica
Who says there are no do-overs? The title character of this comedy-drama is learning otherwise. Erica (Erin Karpluk) is in her early 30s and living with the consequences of some bad decisions. But a new therapist (Michael Riley) gives her the power to go back in time and make some changes, which don't always turn out as planned. In this episode, she goes back to high school to attempt to right an old wrong. 9 PM on CBC

America's Got Talent
Britain may have YouTube sensation Susan Boyle, but the colonies can serve up their own memorable (and sometimes bizarre) previously undiscovered acts. The blockbuster talent show is back for a fourth season with a new host — comic Nick Cannon — and returning judges David Hasselhoff, Sharon Osbourne and Piers Morgan as contestants compete for a $1 million grand prize, plus invaluable national exposure. 9 PM on ACH-B, NBC

Kelly comes to Pride

Singer Kelly Rowland will appear at Pride Toronto's Wellesley Stage on Sun., June 28 at 7 p.m., and at Prism Toronto's Aqua event, on Sat., June 27 at 5 p.m. at the Sunnyside Pavillion. METRO NEWS SERVICES

B.C. filmmaker mines eco themes

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Movie **feature**

Rare is the artist who can attack every medium in the liberal arts lexicon and manage to succeed in virtually all of them.

B.C. based writer, musician, playwright, comedian and filmmaker Mark Leiren-Young, however, is on the road to doing just that. His first feature film, the Green Chain, has been steadily touring the country, accumulating rave reviews and expanding his fan base.

The movie is a lighthearted yet passionate and profound comedy detailing the eternal struggle between tree loggers and environmentalists.

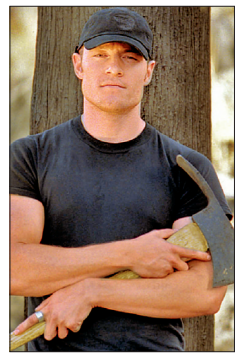
"My interest in environmental issues first started when I was doing sketch comedy, " says the multi talented filmmaker.

"In B.C., saving the planet has always been topical. All that stuff that Al Gore now worries about, we were concerned with in 1990. The Green Chain is just an extension of that."

Shot over seven days on a minimal budget, The Green Chain's social conscience and satirical edge is complemented by a first rate cast of Canadian actors that includes Tricia Helfer and Tahmoh Penikett (TV's Battlestar Galactica), Brendan Fletcher (88minutes), August Schellenberg (The New World) and Jillian Fargey (Mount Pleasant).

"The cast was a dream," admits Leiren-Young. "Many of them I'd met whole working as a playwright for stage and radio and from my work in TV. And I mean, Jillian, literally every time I've ever worked with her I've either been nominated for an award or won. It was a no-brainer to cast her in the film."

• The Green Chain is currently in theatres.



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Baby sister for Griffiths family

It's "brother and sisters" for the kids of actress Rachel Griffiths and hubby Andrew Taylor. A rep for the star of ABC's Brothers and Sisters confirmed to People that a new daughter will join daughter Adelaide Rose and son Banjo Patrick. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Kate throws fit (and laptop)

CRAZY GIRLFRIEND Dating a temperamental supermodel can be bad for business, especially if you're Jamie Hince from The Kills. During a fight, his girlfriend, Kate Moss, reportedly threw his laptop into a swimming pool, according to the Mirror.

Unfortunately, the computer held six newly recorded songs by his band that weren't backed up anywhere else.

"Jamie was speechless," a source said. "He waded into the water to fish the bag out, and tried to resuscitate the laptop." But the pair worked it out. "After much grovelling from Kate, they kissed and made up — and even saw the funny side of it. Kate's buying him a new computer." METRO NEWS SERVICES

New Pitt flick gets the axe

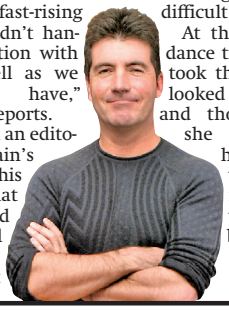
DOWNTURN There's no such thing as a sure thing — apparently even in Hollywood, people.com reports. Only days before actor Brad Pitt's new movie, the baseball drama Moneyball, was due to get rolling, Columbia Pictures pulled the plug on the production, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

The trade paper says studio head Amy Pascal axed the film Friday after several changes had been made to the script since it was first approved.

Moneyball is based on Michael Lewis' book about the Oakland Athletics and their general manager Billy Beane — who put together a star Major League team despite lacking a major bank account. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Simon dishes on Susan

GOSSIP After singer Susan Boyle's second cancelled concert, Britain's Got Talent judge Simon Cowell admits that when it came to Boyle's fast-rising fame, "we didn't handle the situation with Susan as well as we could have," people.com reports.



He wrote in an editorial in Britain's Daily Mail this weekend that "she seemed fine with all the attention. ... I thought perhaps naively that she was in control."

However, as the May 30 finale approached, "Susan was finding the experience difficult to cope with."

At the finale, when dance troupe Diversity took the top prize, "I looked over at her face and thought: 'Christ, she doesn't know how to deal with not winning,'" he wrote. "It was a bad moment." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Black-Eyed Perez dust-up at MMVAs

DRAMA Police have made an arrest in the wake of claims by celebrity blogger Perez Hilton that he was punched in the eye by the manager of the Black Eyed Peas following the MuchMusic Video Awards.

Hilton — who was a presenter at Sunday's raucous show — sent a series of Twitter messages early today claiming he'd been assaulted by singer Will.i.am and his security guards.

He wrote: "I am bleeding. Please, I need to file a police report. No joke."

Toronto police Const. Tony Vella said a man was arrested and charged with assault after an incident near a downtown bar at about 3 a.m.

Vella would not confirm the identity of the victim, but said he sustained minor injuries.

Will.i.am posted a video on his own website denying the incident and claiming a fan was the one who got close to Hilton.

Hilton — whose real name is Mario Lavandeira — alleges in a video posted to his website that he was punched in the eye by Black Eyed Peas manager Polo Molina.

"God knows it was not a random fan that hit me," he said.

Hilton said Will.i.am had approached him after the awards and demanded the blogger stop writing about the Black Eyed Peas on his website.

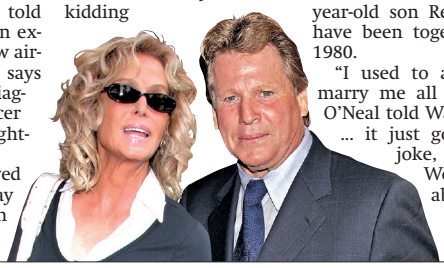
Liborio Molina, 36, of California has been charged with one count of assault. He's set to appear in court Aug. 5 in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ryan and Farrah to tie the knot

LAST ROMANCE Ryan O'Neal says he and longtime love Farrah Fawcett are tying the knot, usmagazine.com reports.

"I've asked her to marry me, again, and she's agreed," O'Neal, 68, told Barbara Walters for an exclusive 20/20 interview airing Friday. O'Neal says Fawcett — who was diagnosed with anal cancer in 2006 — is now "fighting for her life."

But he says they'll wed "as soon as she can say yes. ... Maybe we can just nod her head."



"I promise you, we will," he told Walters. "Absolutely."

The actor says he and Fawcett have even joked about what he'll wear for the ceremony, kidding that he'll dress "like a gigolo. You know? And a little thin mustache and slicked-back hair. I don't know. We have fun, we tease about that."

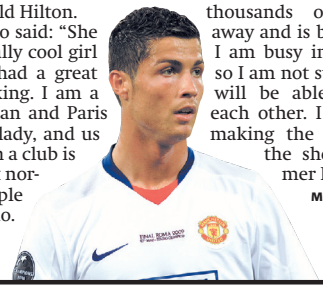
The two — who have 24-year-old son Redmond — have been together since 1980.

"I used to ask her to marry me all the time," O'Neal told Walters. "But ... it just got to be a joke, you know. We just joked about it." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Paris just summer fling: Cristiano

PUBLIC REJECTION Cristiano Ronaldo has lost interest in Paris Hilton, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The soccer star and the hotel heiress spent the night together earlier this month and vowed to keep their romance alive.

But less than two weeks after their passionate liaison, Ronaldo, 23, claims he doesn't have time for the 28-year-old Hilton.



Ronaldo said: "She was a really cool girl and we had a great time talking. I am a young man and Paris a young lady, and us talking in a club is just what normal people our age do.

"She lives thousands of miles away and is busy, and I am busy in Madrid so I am not sure if we will be able to see each other. I am just making the most of the short summer I get." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Anna elopes?

MARRIAGE Actress Anna Faris and her fiancé, Chris Pratt, headed to Maui this past weekend to elope in a secret ceremony, according to sources for the Superficial. They were later spotted playing in the water, making faces at the paparazzi.

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Loud Lindsay

SHHH Lindsay Lohan is officially too loud — and she has the citation to prove it. According to TMZ, Lohan's Hollywood Hills neighbours grew so frustrated by her partying that they called police on her. Cops arrived at her home at 4:20 a.m. Sunday and issued her a ticket for excessive noise.

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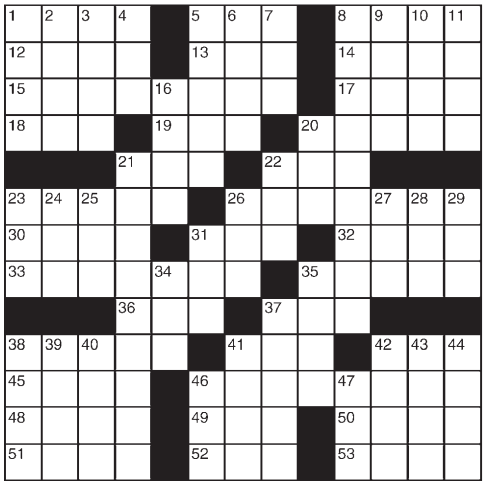

Crossword across

1 BLT enhancer
5 Miss. neighbour
8 "Ali —"
12 Vaccine type
13 Dog's doc
14 Somewhere out there
15 Game birds
17 Advanced math
18 Scot's refusal
19 Disencumber
20 Snapshot
21 Auction action
22 Lustrous black
23 Liechtenstein's capital
26 Persuaded
30 Sailor's greeting
31 Heathcliff, e.g.
32 "— Only Just Begun"
33 She wrote "Give me your tired, your poor, ..."
35 Under a spell
36 Big shot
37 Up to, briefly
38 Ricochet
41 Peruke
42 Omega preceder
45 From the beginning
46 One who keeps late hours
48 Protuberance
49 Blond shade
50 Orsk's river
51 Carbon compound
52 Wager
53 Pleads

Crossword down

1 Cut, as a lawn
2 Soprano's solo
3 Harvard rival
4 On in years
5 Dodge
6 Lecherous
7 Pac. counterpart
8 Terry-cloth item
9 Roundish hairstyle
10 Lure
11 Jason's ship
16 Looney Tunes animator Freleng
20 Corral
21 "Wheel of Fortune" option
22 Write in the margins
23 Actor Kilmer
24 "Eureka!"
25 Florist's qty.
26 Existed
27 Irritate
28 Previous night
29 Scarlet
31 Recipe measure
34 Edge
35 Lofty
37 Snug
38 Walking stick
39 In due time
40 Start over
41 Sagacious
42 Skin opening
43 Booty
44 Troubles
46 Apprehend
47 Three-man vessel?

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Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min Scholar
17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

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Pita Pizzas

INGREDIENTS:
Oil for greasing
2 whole-wheat pita breads
3 tbsp (45 ml) ketchup
1/2 tsp (2 ml) Tabasco sauce
2oz (55 g) each of Mozzarella, mature Cheddar, and Pont-l'Évêque, Chaumes or Oka cheese
1 medium red onion
2 medium tomatoes
1/2 large red or green pepper
1 clove garlic
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
4 black olives

GARNISH:
A few sprigs each of fresh marjoram and basil,
2 tsp (10 ml) Parmesan cheese

METHOD:
1. Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C). Lightly oil baking sheet. Open pitas and split in half with sharp knife.
2. Mix ketchup with Tabasco sauce. Spread some on each pita half and arrange on baking sheet.
3. Grate Mozzarella and Cheddar cheese together and sprinkle over pitas.
4. Slice or dice Pont-l'Évêque, Chaumes or Oka cheese and spread evenly over grated cheese.
5. Peel onion and slice into thin wedges. Rinse and dry tomatoes and pepper. Slice tomato into rounds. Deseed and finely chop pepper. Arrange onion and tomatoes on top of cheese and scatter with chopped pepper.
6. Peel and crush garlic, mix with olive oil and drizzle over pizzas. Place one olive in centre of each and bake on top shelf of oven for 10 minutes.
7. Meanwhile, rinse and dry herbs, strip off leaves and put into bowl. Add Parmesan and mix.
8. Remove pitas from oven, sprinkle with herbs and Parmesan mixture, and serve hot. **SERVES 2**

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Do you get the feeling that you should be doing more and doing better? Maybe you should start listening more to your inner voice.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
It would be nice to believe that no one means you harm, that everyone is on your side, but that's unlikely to be true.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may need to remind certain people today that you are a free-spirited Gemini and that if they want to be part of your inner circle, they need to give you space.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Today's Sun-Pluto opposition urges you to consolidate the gains you have made in recent weeks.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
If you want to salvage a friendship that is on the rocks you are going to have to apologize for some of the things you said.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Some things are worth getting worked up about and some things are not. Do you know the difference? It's time to put a petty dispute behind you.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may have been drifting along without a care in the world of late but the current cosmic picture urges you to get serious about work and family.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
The time has come to make up your mind what it is you want most out of life and to focus all your energies on getting it.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
There may be a thousand and one things you should be doing but if your inner voice tells you to hold off on them for a while, you would be wise to listen.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
With the Sun in your opposite sign of Cancer at odds with Pluto today you should be on your guard for power struggles both at home and at work.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Routine chores seem to be taking up a lot of your time at the moment and the situation may get worse later in the week.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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3. Environmentalist's pinto veggies (1)
4. Muscle gym chain's pleats (1)
5. "Peanuts" boy Charlie's tiaras (1)
6. Letter-turner Vanna's car's high beams (1)
7. "Clue" game colonel's flans (2)

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